

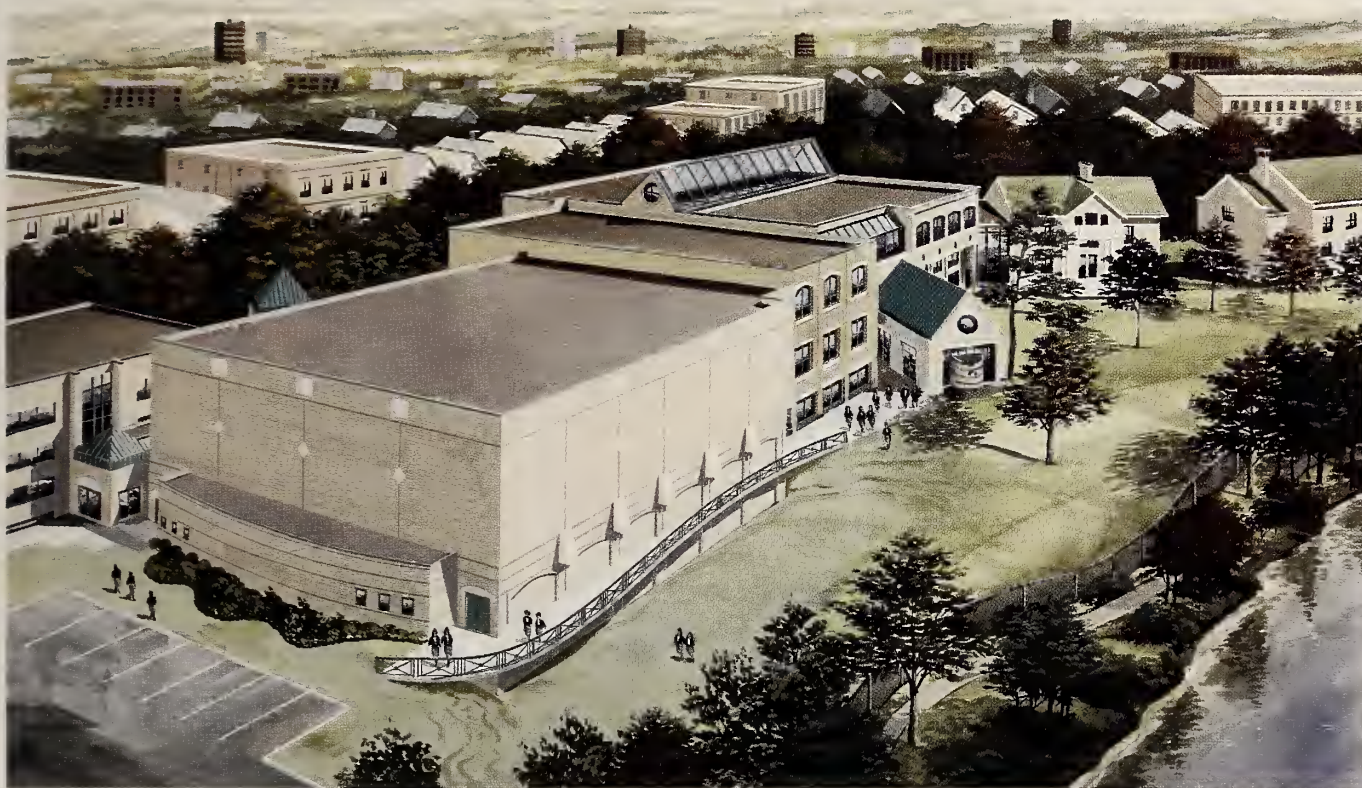
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The past year has brought changes to Balmoral Hall School. Mr. Brian Porter left to become Head of The Munich International School in Germany. Mrs. Diane Bieber, formerly Head of Junior School, took control of the School while a Search Committee was formed to find a new Head. At the same time, a Capital Campaign was begun to complete the third phase of the "Enriching Her Tomorrows" campaign. This made for a very busy year for staff, students, parents and Alumnae.

One of the exciting things about life at Balmoral Hall is the extra-curricular activities, such as music, drama, sports, debating, and community service. The School encompasses one's "whole life", not just academics. Keeping this in mind, the final phase of the "Enriching Her Tomorrows" campaign will give the School the space to carry out its mandate.

In this issue of *The Portal*, the plans for the new building are unveiled which will include an Athletic Centre, a Theatre, a Multi-Media or Technology Centre, an Alumnae Centre, and a corridor linking the Residence to the main School building. The "Tomorrows" look very exciting.

The theme of this issue of *The Portal* is to help the future by remembering the past. Remember all that was given to you by your School, and now it is your turn to give to others. One might wrongly want to say, "I am not my sister's keeper". If that were true, this would be a static world. Women need the support of other women in order to achieve and break "the glass ceiling". Please help your School to help women achieve tomorrow.

Meliora Petens.



One of the new vans donated by the Parent Association



# "The Passing of the Gavel"

**D**r. Stephen Coyle has been a member of the Board of Governors of Balmoral Hall School since 1988 and he has served as Chairman of the Board for the past two years, currently serving as Past-Chairman of the Board.

Most members of the "B.H. Family" think of Dr. Coyle as gracious, kind and caring, as well as being competitive and thorough. These last two characteristics, while not obvious, have been used by Dr. Coyle to help make Balmoral Hall a first-rate independent school.

Cyril Labman, incoming Chairman of the Board, spoke about Dr. Coyle at the Closing Exercises:



DR. STEPHEN COYLE  
PAST CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

"Most of you know of his commitment to the School and the contributions he, Monique, and their daughters, have made to Balmoral Hall. Whether as volunteer, athlete, medical advisor, cook, Governor, or Chairman, he has never faltered in advancing and promoting the interests of our School as an educational institution dedicated to high academic standards, as well as to the development of ideals essential to the finest type of Canadian womanhood. The characteristics he has exhibited include, but are not limited to, leadership, patience, fairness,

courtesy, dedication, determination, and, increasingly, a sense of humour."

We thank him for caring so much for the benefit of our children, and our School.

by Linda Martin

**C**yril Labman was born and raised in Moose Jaw, Saskatchewan. When his family moved to Winnipeg, he attended the University of Manitoba, receiving a Bachelor of Arts Degree in 1964, and a Bachelor of Law Degree in 1967. He articulated with the firm of Thorvaldson and Company and is now a partner in Aikins, MacAulay & Thorvaldson, one of Winnipeg's largest and most prestigious law firms. (It is interesting and noteworthy that one of the founders of that law firm, Sir James Aikins, donated the property which is the location of our School.)

Mr. Labman has served as a director and honorary solicitor of The Society for Crippled Children and Adults of Manitoba, now Society for Manitobans with Disabilities Inc. He is an active member of The Winnipeg Squash Racquet Club and has served on its Board of Directors and as its President. For a number of years, he has been a lecturer in Business Law for the University of Manitoba, Continuing Education Division.

Previously an avid jogger, who in 1985 completed the full Manitoba Marathon, our Chairman's current sport du jour is swimming laps at the Pan Am Pool, before dawn. Reliable sources indicate that he has also recently developed a proficiency in Italian cooking.

Mr. Labman and his wife, Jean, have three daughters: Shauna - 18, Raphi - 16, and Jessica - 13. Shauna graduated from Balmoral Hall in June, 1995, with a scholarship to U.B.C. Raphi is in Grade 12 and Jessica is in Grade 8. Recalling his involvement in the governance of the School, Mr. Labman said, "Shauna was the first of our daughters to attend B.H. Her first year was 1989 - 1990, in Grade 7. Towards the end of that school year, I was so impressed with the School and her progress that I phoned Bob Kozminski,



CYRIL LABMAN,  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

then Chairman, told him how pleased I was and suggested that if he felt I could contribute to the Board, I would be pleased to do so. Shortly thereafter, I was elected to the Board of Governors. I am extremely honoured that I now have been chosen as Chairman of the Board of Governors.

The School has grown tremendously in the last 5 years — physically, in enrolment, curriculum, and in prestige. While the Balmoral Hall family can look upon the School's accomplishments with justifiable pride, we cannot be complacent. Just as we encourage the students, we too must 'meliora petens' — seek better things.

By the time this edition of *The Portal* is published, it is anticipated that the Board will have held a Board Governance Seminar to enhance an understanding of the role of the Board of Governors. In a general sense, the Board's role should be more restricted to setting policy and long-term planning, rather than participation in day-to-day administrative matters.

Under the very capable stewardship of Diane Bieber, we have a strong and dedicated administration and staff. They are all encouraged to view their jobs as part



of a team or family working towards the same goal.

I believe that the best marketing of the School occurs at the School and at School activities. I encourage parents to come to the School. Come to different events. If your daughter is in Senior School, please don't limit yourself to Senior School activities. Come to a Junior School concert or play. You'll love it. If your child is in Junior School, come to Middle or Senior School debating, or a musical, or a volleyball game. These are all B.H. "family" events and you are all welcome. The more you see of the School, the more you will understand and be committed to the School's heritage, traditions and ideals."

*by Cyril Labman*

**D**iane Bieber is a lifelong Winnipegger who has been an educator for nearly twenty-five years, seventeen of those years at Balmoral Hall. In January 1995, after nine years as Head of Junior School, she assumed the position of Interim Head of School. She has been appointed Head of School for the 1995/96 School year.

During her tenure as Junior School Head, enrolment increased from 164 students to 327 — while Middle and Senior School enrolments remained relatively static. She attributes this success to the dedication and team spirit of the staff: "When we talk about B.H. as a family, we don't take that lightly. We support one another in a caring way, and this attitude is reflected in the quality of work."

In 1990/91, Mrs. Bieber chaired the Internal Evaluation of the School committee. This evaluation process set the groundwork for external evaluation by the Canadian Educational Standards Institute (CESI). Balmoral Hall is the first independent school in the West to receive CESI accreditation.

She has also been an active member of the Canadian Independent Junior School Heads Association (CIJSHA) for nine years. In 1990, she co-hosted the organization's National Conference.

Mrs. Bieber notes that her experience as Head has been an exciting challenge, and an eye-opening one: "After dealing primarily with 5 to 12 year olds for so long, I'd nearly forgotten how very different the issues can be when you are confronted with determined young women in their teens. I can certainly attest to their debating and negotiating skills!" She is only the third woman to serve as Head of Balmoral Hall School, and the first in 25 years. Asked if she believes it is important for the Head of a girls' school



DIANE BIEBER,  
HEAD OF SCHOOL

to be a woman, she replies, "It is important to have the best candidate in the job. It's a bonus if that individual can also serve as a role model to the girls."

She views this assertiveness as an illustration of the benefits of an independent girls' school. Studies have shown that the self-esteem of adolescent girls can be a very fragile thing. It is important to provide them with an environment that nurtures them and with role models that inspire them if they are to become well-rounded, fully realized individuals who are confident in their abilities.

"Our Mission Statement talks about preparing young women for academic, social and leadership success in a changing world"; she says. "In order to achieve that kind of success, they must be able to compete with men on an equal playing field. Our role is to give them the skills and the confidence to do just that." Mrs. Bieber believes that competition is not something that our society instills in girls;

it is something they must learn. They must also be shown that many options are open to them. "We try to open their eyes to all of the possibilities. At recent Career Days, we've introduced them to a pilot, an entrepreneur, and an engineer in the computer industry. They see that women can be successful in a wide range of careers."

In order to prepare B.H. graduates properly, it will be important to proceed with the third phase of our "Enriching Her Tomorrows" expansion program, in the near future. Mrs. Bieber was very active in the first two phases of the campaign, and looks forward to a successful third phase. You can read more about this campaign, elsewhere, in this issue of *The Portal*. With these advancements, B.H. will be well positioned to continue as a leading edge institution, as it approaches its 100th anniversary in 2001.

She urges Alumnae to support the campaign and invites them back to visit the School: "If you haven't been here in the last 6 years, you'll be quite surprised at the changes", she says. In addition to the obvious structural changes, there is a new focus on technology and extra-curricular activities.

On the personal side, Mrs. Bieber has been married to Andrew Bieber for 24 years. He is a chartered accountant and a Partner with the firm Deloitte & Touche. They enjoy travel, particularly bicycling holidays which have recently taken them to Vermont, Minnesota and Arizona. Mrs. Bieber keeps fit through regular aerobics sessions at Bodyworks. She's a year-round gardener and likes to relax with a good book — fiction, mysteries and, of course, educational literature.

*by Diane Bieber*

## Update on the Search for the New Head

**Irene Palmer,**  
*Chair, Search Committee*

During the Spring and Summer, the Search Committee reviewed a significant number of candidates resulting from our advertising and recruitment activities. Applications included candidates from across Canada, from the U.S.A., and from Manitoba. Our objective, ideally, had been to announce a new Head for the beginning of this school year. We did not feel comfortable adhering to this previously targeted date. Our revised target date for the appointment of a new Head is Summer 1996. This will provide as few interruptions as possible for this school year, which is off to a great start, under the leadership of Diane Bieber. We will continue to be rigorous and thorough in the selection of our new Head. An appointment will be made when we are confident we have an outstanding individual for this position.



# Grandparents' Day

Monday, May 15th, saw Balmoral Hall School bursting with proud Grandparents and delighted students. There was an overflow from parking, and the method of moving Grandparents from the gymnasium to classes seemed like a military manoeuvre. Despite this, the noise in the halls bubbled with enthusiasm and everyone enjoyed the day.

There is a special feeling between Grandparent and child that lacks criticism, and allows for blossoming and bonding. This was seen often as the morning progressed. The highlight was the Grandparents attending classes and experiencing what school is like, today. The students had prepared special welcomes, and they shared activities and ideas with their grandparents. Peruse the photographs and enjoy.



*Top: Dr. Perry (Headmistress, 1966 to 1973) and Mrs. Rankin (School Registrar, at the same time) with their Grandsons, Matthew Lederman and Sprague Richardson, who are in Kindergarten together.*

*Above left: Wendy Campbell (Grade 11) with her Grandmother, Mary (Harris) Campbell (Riverbend '39), who was Head Girl of Riverbend*

*Above right: Mrs. Mildred Steek (Grandparent Chair) with her two granddaughters, Amory Steek (Grade 7) and Ryann Jessiman (Grade 10)*

*Bottom left: Mindy Slotta (Grade 7) with her Grandparents, Mr. & Mrs. Mervin Slotta*



# Sharing Ideas and Making Friends

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by Linda (Miller) Martin (B.H. '62)

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**T**he first week in March, 1995, saw students from Canada, the United States, the United Kingdom, Argentina, Israel and Cyprus compete in the World Debate and Public Speaking Championships. Rachel Schipper was a member of the Canadian Team, as she placed second at the National Public Speaking Championships, in January.

The English School, Nicosia, Cyprus, hosted the championships this year which gave Canadian students a unique opportunity to see Cyprus through the eyes of a Greek Cypriot. They were billeted in the homes of parents of the School and introduced to their lifestyle. It was Carnival Week so everyone was celebrating; food and dancing were plentiful.

The students were constantly informed of the political situation in Cyprus, particularly in Nicosia, which is the only divided city left in the world. Rachel was shocked to find barbed wire fencing and soldiers, with guns ready, on each side. Between the soldiers were the U.N. Forces, keeping peace. Our hosts' love of Cyprus, and their anger at being invaded were palpably obvious, throughout our stay.

Because Cyprus is an island in the Mediterranean, it has been conquered by many civilizations — Assyrian, Phoenician, Egyptian, Greek, Roman, Byzantium, and British — and each has left its historical mark. The students visited the Museum with its artifacts from each era, the Rock which marks the spot where Aphrodite was born, coliseums, mosaic floors, and British military bases.

It was interesting to note that while the students travelled through time, and came to terms with the political world of today, they shared ideas and friendships. At one point, I noted a Christian Canadian boy, an orthodox Jewish boy from Israel, a Canadian-Lebanese Islamic girl, and a Canadian Islamic boy climbing the

steps of a coliseum and excitedly sharing the history of the site. I wished our world leaders could be as open and warm.

No, the time was not all spent touring! The competition was long and tough. Each competitor had to enter four events: parliamentary debating, impromptu speaking, interpretive reading, and persuasive speaking. It was interesting listening to the competitors because their ideas came from such different cultures, and the judges were Greek-speaking, with English as their second language. The challenge for the competitors was to have the better argument and style which could be clearly appreciated by the

judges. There were eight preliminary rounds and the competitors would meet in the School's quadrangle, under the orange trees, between rounds, to share experiences.

Rachel was promoted through to the Impromptu Final and placed 13th overall. If asked, she would probably say that the most memorable part of the tournament was the sharing of ideas and the making of friends.

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*Rachel Schipper, in front of the rock of Aphrodite, on the Island of Cyprus*

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# New England Debating Trip

by Aylia Mohammadi  
Grade 11 Student

**O**n April 27, 1995, Balmoral Hall students, Heather Hrousalas, Jenny Stitz, Sarah Carter, Kristin Westdal, Danica Levy, Justine Flett, Maya Seshia, Andrea Rush, Alexis Cloutier, and I, along with Mr. and Mrs. Martin, left Winnipeg for New England. When we arrived in Hartford, after having flown in a *tiny* 35 seat propeller plane, we went directly to Kingswood-Oxford School, where we were met by our billets. Alexis and I were billeted in a beautiful house (more like a mansion) with twins who went to the School.

Then came our first day of debate, which was held at Kingswood. It was really fun, and we met a lot of great people. Perhaps one of the best aspects of the Kingswood debate was that it was not judged, and therefore, was truly just for fun.

The next day, we all went into Cambridge and toured Harvard/Radcliffe. Here, some serious shopping was done (i.e. army clothes). The atmosphere at Harvard was incredible. Besides the obvious picture-taking etc., I think that B.H. blended right in. In fact, one of the "Harvard men" actually thought that we went there, and started asking Justine what courses she took! All in all, Cambridge was great.

That evening, we drove into Lichfield where we had our first glimpse of the Forman School. As a general understatement, our first impression wasn't the greatest. But the next morning, when we came in for brunch, the people were much nicer, and we met even more people. Kingswood also attended the tournament, so we were able to spend time with them, as well.

The debate at Forman was Scottish style, which was new to everyone at the tournament. What made the tournament even more interesting was that it was organized by a "strange" man, in a kilt. One

of the main differences between Scottish style and regular parliamentary style of debating is that, in Scottish style, rather than having a two-person team, there is a four-person team made up of two two-person teams. Therefore, we were working with our opponents. Alexis and I made the Grand Finals, where we were paired up with a team from Boston, and debated against Kingswood and a team from Sydney, Nova Scotia. The definition of the resolution (Be It Resolved That, we should be politically correct) was that we should take a portion of federally funded parks and turn them into nudist colonies. Needless to say, it was an "interesting" debate. In the end, B.H. did extremely well. Alexis and I placed first team overall, and Heather and Jenny placed second team overall. I placed second individual speaker overall.

*At Harvard University l-r: (back) Andrea Rush, Alexis Cloutier, Kristin Westdal, Sarah Carter, Danica Levy, Heather Hrousalas, Mrs. Martin (front), Justine Flett, Jennifer Stitz, Maya Seshia, Aylia Mohammadi*

The next day was the most exciting day of the whole trip, since we met LIAM NEESON, MERYL STREEP, and EDDIE FURLONG making a movie in a small town in Massachusetts. It was so exciting!

When I returned home, I was exhausted. But, I can honestly tell you that the New England trip was an unforgettable experience. A huge thank-you must go to Mr. and Mrs. Martin, who drove a group of extremely excited teenage girls, without going completely insane. In essence, the New England debating trip was a huge success.





# Performing Arts Department Highlights

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by Bev Aronovitch

*Middle/Senior School Music Teacher*

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This was a busy year for the Balmoral Hall Performing Arts Department! In February, over 100 Middle and Senior School students took to the stage of the Franco-Manitoban Cultural Center for "Beatles to Broadway", an evening of musical theatre and choral performance. The evening showcased the multitude of talented young musical performers at Balmoral in a series of musical reviews, interspersed with choral and solo performances, featuring the music of Gershwin, the Beatles, Andrew Lloyd Webber, and many others. Clever staging, imaginative setting and subtle lighting shifts all contributed to the magic of the evening and the success of the show.

After the show, the place was buzzing with excitement as parents streamed out of the theatre, smiling from ear to ear. The show was a big hit; the students received many accolades, and everyone remarked at the level of professionalism of the students. What else can we expect from Balmoral girls!

Every Spring, young musicians from independent schools across Canada meet in Toronto for the Independent Schools Music Festival. Last Spring, the Balmoral Hall School Senior Choir was invited to attend this exciting event. In April, fifteen choir members flew to Toronto to participate in three days of intensive music-making in a massed choir of three hundred young men and women. In addition to the four hours of singing every day, the students managed to squeeze in two fabulous shows, "Tommy" and "Into the Woods", a little sightseeing and shopping, and, of course, food wherever possible!

Three of the country's most skilled choral directors took turns on the podium rehearsing the choir in preparation for their performance at a gala concert at Roy Thompson Hall. What a thrill to be on the stage of this magnificent concert



hall performing Vivaldi in combination with a full orchestra! The performance was a resounding success with the appreciative audience of parents and friends. Everyone felt proud at having accomplished so much in so short a time. The trip was a unique and rewarding experience for the students and we are already planning to make it an annual event.

The season finale, "Balmoral on Stage," was presented in May at the Gas Station Theatre. The show featured a mix of drama, dance and choral music, with a varied program of choral selections from the Grade 7 and 8s, a beautifully rendered program of choral music from the Senior Choir. The Grade 7 Drama Club stole the show with their hilarious mini-musical, a series of satirical scenes and musical numbers, satirizing the foibles of parents and kids. The Grade 7 actors did an

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*Grade 7 Drama Club "Balmoral On Stage"*

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outstanding job. We can expect great things from them in the future!



# Junior School Musical *Anne of Green Gables*

by Phyllis Ilavsky,  
Junior School Music Teacher

One of the highlights of Junior School was the performance on May 3 & 4, of *Anne of Green Gables*, by the two Grade 6 classes. The Ladies of Avonlea, led by Alara Humniski as Mrs. Rachel Lynde, were sophisticated beyond their years in period dresses and at their "gossipy" best in their songs, "Where is Matthew Going?" and "Did You Hear?" The school children displayed their energy and exuberance in their songs: "Summer", "Learn Everything" and "Ice Cream".

The star of the show was Amanda Schimnowski as "Anne" with her strong singing voice and dynamic stage presence. With outstanding performances by Anna AbouZeid (Marilla), Patricia Ball (Matthew), Marla Cousins (Diane), Jennifer Yamamoto (Gilbert), Catherine Murray (Miss Stacy), Kati Brownell (Station Master) and Rachel Gardner (Mr. Phillips), the entire cast made this very special story, by L.M. Montgomery, come alive on the stage, to create a most enjoyable evening of entertainment for family and friends.

Congratulations on another great show!



Above: l-r: Amanda Schimnowski as "Anne" and Marla Cousins as "Diana Barry"

Below: The Ladies of Avonlea, l-r (back) Cecily Magne, Simran Bhullar, Catherine Laing, Mamie Griffith, Dorice Tepley, Althea Dunlop, Reneé Phipps, Catherine Murray (front) Elizabeth McFadden, Renata Choptiany, Karly Sullivan, Alara Humniski, Anna AbouZeid, Sarah Nesbitt, Heather deLange





# Balmoral Hall - Shizuoka Eiwa Summer School 1995

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by John Kiddell,  
Director

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**O**hio gozaimasu" as Balmoral Hall students greet their Japanese counterparts. "Domo arigato gozaimasu" as the Japanese tour leader thanks Mayor Thompson for her warm welcome to the city. "Isoide!" as both Balmoral Hall and Shizuoka Eiwa students are hurried along, so as not to miss the bus departure. Japanese language and culture are available every July, at Balmoral Hall, where Balmoral Hall students participate in Japanese language lessons and cultural activities. They are joined by forty Grade 10 Japanese students and 3 of their teachers from Shizuoka City, Japan, who arrive for ten days of English immersion.

The School has now completed its eighth Balmoral Hall — Shizuoka Eiwa Summer School, and if the tears at farewell were an indication of the warm friendship which had sprung up between the Canadian girls and the Japanese girls, then there must have been some enduring ties knotted. The B.H. girls had the opportunity to take beginner level or advanced Japanese language classes and also to practice Japanese paper folding, traditional Japanese writing, sushi creation, and formal tea ceremony participation. The Japanese students practiced their oral English communication skills and experienced Canadian culture through numerous activities and a homestay weekend.

The afternoon of every day involved activities ranging from formal occasions (such as visits to the Mayor's office and the Legislature), to informal activities (such as canoeing on the Red River, horseback riding at Miracle Ranch in Bird's Hill, skating at the Highlander Arena, attending the rodeo at Morris, and water sliding at Fun Mountain). The evenings were busy with bowling, attending a performance of *Oklahoma*, and the highlight of the whole ten days — the river boat cruise. The cruise's popularity was partly explainable because the

Japanese girls are not allowed to dance at Shizuoka Eiwa, their home School. This gave the Canadian students the opportunity to drag the visitors onto the dance floor, where they remained for the duration of the voyage.

Balmoral Hall, under the Headship of Thomas Russell, officially became a sister school of Shizuoka Eiwa, in 1983, after initial approaches by Shizuoka Eiwa representatives in 1973. Winnipeg has had a close connection with Shizuoka City as a result, in 1945, of Young United (then Methodist) Church's sending a missionary to Shizuoka Eiwa to, among other duties, teach English. The first stage of the relationship was a teacher exchange, which then evolved into a summer-school program, with forty Japanese students arriving in the summer of 1988.

This year's school was again highly successful thanks to the efforts of a fine summer-school staff: Ann Piercy, who coordinated with great dedication the Japanese classes for the Balmoral Hall students; Eileen Rieger, who managed the Sisyphean task of arranging homestays

for all the visiting students; Bill Helgason, who taught English to the Japanese students with his usual compassion, caring, and humour; and the three student counsellors, Denise Thompson, Colin Anderson, and Sarah Coyle, whose contagious enthusiasm radiated to all those around them.

The Balmoral Hall-Shizuoka Eiwa Summer School will enter its ninth year, in 1996, and will, once again, provide a magnificent opportunity for Balmoral Hall students to experience the language and culture of our Pacific Rim neighbours. Application forms and further details will be available early in the new year.

*Editor's Note: The Shizuoka Eiwa School Choir will be visiting Balmoral Hall School in April. Parents interested in hosting a student and thus sharing some Japanese culture, please contact the School.*

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*Visit with Mayor Susan Thompson*

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# Junior School B.H. Summer Scholars 1995

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by Pat Conchatre,  
*Junior School Resource Teacher*

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July 10 — August 4, 1995, were wonderfully exciting days, full of discovery and challenge for 42 Grade 1 to Grade 6 girls and boys. For the third year, the halls of Junior School echoed with the happy sounds of "Summer Scholars" students and teachers.

This most successful program continues to provide personalized learning experiences for elementary students. For two sessions, each 2 weeks in duration, the daily program consists of an academic morning and an "activities" afternoon (which is optional). The Activity afternoon program, this year, included crafts, tours/outings, pool parties and just lots of summer fun. The Academic morning program uses the structure of a 'learning centre' approach. With a student-teacher ratio lower than one teacher to two students, the focus of each program is on Language Arts, Math, Communication and Perceptual Skills. The first few days of each session is used to evaluate each individual's skill development. Then with the direction, support and assistance of the Resource Teacher Consultants, programs are designed to suit each student's needs — support and/or enrichment. With the student-teacher ratio and programs taught at the student's instructional level, the enthusiasm is exhilarating and infectious for both students and teacher. Included with the program is a one-hour conference with the student's parents and the Balmoral Hall Summer Scholars Resource Teacher Consultant.

The staff of Balmoral Hall Summer Scholars continues to be inspiring and impressive. Dedicated and committed professionals, the sixteen Balmoral Hall Summer Scholars included 5 B.H. staff, with the remaining from various independent schools and school divisions in the City — many who have been with us from the first summer!

One upper-elementary student (who chose to attend both two-week sessions)



collected some statistics on Balmoral Hall Summer Scholars, as a part of her Math enrichment program.

Does this program continue to be purposeful? Just talk to an experienced primary teacher, who at the end of the first session comments, "Every teacher should have the opportunity to experience this type of teaching at least once! May I come back next year?"

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*Above: B.H. Summer Scholar's teacher, Miss Jennifer Sexsmith, and John McFadzean, enjoying a problem-solving activity together.*

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*Left: Brittaney Santos proudly displaying her achievement in Spelling.*

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# Onward to Beijing

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by Megumi Saunders,  
*Japanese Teacher*

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**M**egumi Saunders was chosen by the United Church of Canada and the World Council of Churches to represent Canada at the U.N. Fourth Forum on Women Conference to be held in Beijing, China. Megumi travelled to the U.N. in New York in March to prepare for the conference in Beijing. Below are her thoughts written before the September Conference...

Leaving an unusually cloudy Manitoba March, I am greeted by a beautiful spring blue sky in New York. A line-up in front of the UN headquarters building, with its many colourful flags of UN member countries, is full of excitement and anticipation. We are here to participate in an event preparing for the UN Fourth World Conference on Women. In front of me is a woman police officer from Holland, talking about their recent flood in the lowland area and the blossom of tulips, but the topic changed to women's issues. She is very much aware of the increase in violence against women and she is here to help change the trend. A well-dressed lawyer from the US chimes in. A woman from the Maritimes of Canada is here to discuss Older Women's issues. A blind woman, with traditional sari, is listening to the conversation carefully. Her walking stick moves in. She opens her mouth to say that she is here to work for the rights of disabled women in the world. Her beautifully curved face, her unseen eyes, speak of her eager plea from India. 1,400 women and men (the majority of them are women) have come to New York to change the situation of women in the world. It has been ten years now, since the World Conference on Women in Nairobi, and people are ready to evaluate the commitment they made at that time and to advance forward for the new millennium.

This conference in New York is in preparation for The UN Fourth World

Conference on Women which is held September 4 - 15, 1995 in Beijing China and The Non-Government Organization (NGO) Forum On Women Conference on August 30 - September 8, 1995 at Huairou and Beijing. The UN official Conferences are usually attended by government representatives and officials. But a recent movement of the Conferences has been to include more grassroots participation. Therefore, whenever a UN world conference is held, a Non-Government Organization Forum is held in conjunction with it.

I was in New York to attend the NGO Preparatory Conference and to observe the 39th Session of the Commission on the Status of Women as the preparation for the Beijing Conference. I have been interested in women's issues since I was young. Living in a very traditional culture, where there were many ways women were restricted, left a strong impression with me. Women's issues became very close to me when I became a young widow with a 5-month old baby in the big city of Tokyo. It would have been different for a young widower. Through my experience of being a widow, single mother, immigrant woman, and ethnic minority, I realized there are a lot of issues which we could change, so that women who have been under difficult situations could benefit more. My visit to Kenya, about 5 years ago, further changed my perspective on women. There, I learned how we global citizens are connected to each other, as never before. Whatever we decide, do, eat, buy..., all influence the other side of the world. Women in the developing world have been carrying the heaviest burden to survive and to give care to their families. International Debts and the Structural Adjustment Programs have given them enough suffering. Now they stand up and voice their opinions, so that decision-making on any level will

consider the poorest of poor: women and children.

The opening of the NGO Forum Conference was a powerful and overwhelming experience. To be in a large, UN conference room, sitting at the delegates' chairs with earphones (the UN 6 official languages are heard with simultaneous interpretation), was one of my childhood dreams. After an introduction, representatives from five regions of the world started to report about their regional conferences, prior to this Conference. A woman from the Asia Pacific region stands up in front of the podium and speaks, "...Sisters from France, help us — your country is occupying our land and planning more nuclear testing in our region, sisters from the US, help us — your country is occupying our land; ...We are from the Pacific region..." Silence covers the whole room. Sisters, can we help each other?

Now we are to deal with the document, "A Draft Platform for Action", which will be a focal point of the Beijing Conference. It features 11 critical areas of concern for today's women, identifies strategic objectives derived from them, and proposes actions to be taken nationally and internationally. This draft is being discussed in meetings at international, regional, and national levels. This preparatory conference is the time to review. The 11 critical areas of concern are Poverty, Education, Health, Violence Against Women, Effects of Armed or other kinds of Conflict on Women, Access to Economic Structures and Policies, Sharing Power and Decision Making at all levels, Mechanisms to Promote Advancement of Women, Human Rights, Mass Media and Environment. We were divided into three groups and discussed the draft, line by line. I was part of the group discussing Violence, Effects of Armed Conflict, and Human Rights.





*Megumi Saunders, at the U.N., preparing for the U.N. World Conference on Women to be held in Beijing, China.*

One of the women from the Middle East spoke up, saying how culture, tradition and religion are big obstacles to women's advancement — especially fundamentalism of religion and politics. Another woman stood up, challenging, "I am a fundamentalist. What's wrong about it?" Discussion continued. A woman from Eastern Europe spoke about the terrible situation in armed conflict areas. Examples of the suffering of women (particularly sexual violence by enemy soldiers) were unbearable human rights issues. The situation at the refugee camps was brought up... It was as if the whole world was here and I could feel what it means to be a global citizen. Yes, I am a part of the world and I, too, have power to change the suffering.

Parallel to some sessions, I could observe the official conference.. There, African delegates were proposing that one more issue be added: The Girl Child issue. Before they become women, girls have been discriminated against because of their gender. Parental sex selection, food allocation, less education, etc.... Balmoral Hall School may be especially interested in this issue.

One week in New York was a promise of what is to come at the Beijing Conference, where over 35,000 people are expected to attend the final decision-making of this Platform for Action. I am excited to go to Beijing and see how women in the world gather together to empower each other for the new millennium.

What happens in Beijing will change the world!!!

# Encounters with Canada

by Navdeep Sandhu, B.H. '95

**S**tudents of Balmoral Hall, if you are offered the chance to attend Encounters With Canada, Go! It is an experience of a lifetime. The memories I have of this place will last forever. You meet many people and make many new friends. I can go anywhere in Canada (be it Nelson, B.C., Whitehorse, Yukon, or Parrsborough, Nova Scotia) and I will have friends to visit. My strongest feeling during this trip was "Wow, what a great country! I'm proud to be a Canadian!"

Encounters With Canada is a program designed to allow students to see and experience a possible career choice. However, I found that this program offers a lot more. I had the chance to see, firsthand, the diversity of people that make Canada the unique country it is, and the opportunity to experience our bilingualism. Madame Dammermann was ecstatic when she discovered that there were nights when we were allowed to speak only in French. I have gained a greater appreciation for French and amazingly, I have learned to love the language.

The session that I attended was geared towards Law. Hence, when we were in Ottawa, we had the chance to see how our laws are made and carried through. We visited Parliament Hill, where we

were shown how bills were made and passed. (We also met the Prime Minister, a great man!). Then, we progressed to the Supreme Court, where we were given a run-down of our justice system. It's an amazing process. Well, after seeing how justice was served and after talking to a million lawyers (or so it seemed), we had our own court. We had a mock trial, where all students were interviewed and four were elected to stand as lawyers. I am pleased to say, due to my experience last year at B.H.'s mock trial, that I was one of the students elected. It was an honor to be chosen as one of the four out of 100 students. B.H., thank you. The trial went smoothly, with my honourable colleague and myself winning.

Now don't think that it was all lectures and long tours, because it wasn't. We had all evenings after 6:00 p.m. for entertainment. One night was cultural night (going to the theatre and symphony), and on the other nights we had enjoyable speakers come to the centre. For example, one night "The Singing Policeman" entertained us. The final night was an all-night dance, with a lot of tearful good-byes in the morning. I made a lot of great friends, and had a great time. Thank you, Mrs. Friesen, Mr. Porter and B.H., for sending me.



*Navdeep Sandhu, front row, far right, with a group of students from Encounters With Canada.*



# Provincial and National Awards Junior School

## MANITOBA SCHOOLS SCIENCE SYMPOSIUMS

**Gold Medals:** Celeste Christie, Erika Douwes, Alexandra Gadawski

**Silver Medals:** Kalyn Bomback, Shona Kusyk

**Bronze Medals:** Amber Bewza, Rebecca Coish, Catherine Laing, Elizabeth McFadden, Catherine Murray, Carissa Nikkel, Maya Oppenheimer, Cassandra Steen

**Recipient of the Manitoba Medical Association plaque for "Outstanding" project at the Intermediate level in the category of Biological Sciences:** Erika Douwes

**Gold for entry on "Contrast Sensitivity" at the Manitoba Schools Science Fair, as well as a ribbon for communication:** Carissa Nikkel

**The Shrine Circus Poetry and Essay Contest Winners:** Kalyn Bomback, Patricia Hrousalas

## Winnipeg Competition Music Festival

**Gold** Grade 1 & 2 Choir

**Gold** Grade 3 & 4 Choir

**Gold** Grade 5 & 6 Choir

## Manitoba Historical Society Written Research:

**1st** Patricia Ball, Grade 6

**2nd** Cecily Magne, Grade 6

**3rd** Amanda Baldwin, Grade 6

## Fictional Research:

**1st** Alara Humniski, Grade 6

**2nd** Carissa Nikkel, Grade 5

**3rd** Maya Oppenheimer, Grade 5

**Honourable Mention**

Patricia Hrousalas, Grade 5

## Model:

**1st (tie)** Rebecca Coish, Grade 5

**Honourable Mention:**

Danielle Dyck, Grade 5

## Poster:

**1st** Kalyn Bomback, Grade 5

# Middle and Senior School

## Manitoba Historical Society Essay Competition

**Fictional** **1st** Alexis Cloutier

**2nd** Kathryn Ball

**Research** **2nd** Maleen Mendis

**Honourable**

**Mention** Jennifer Stitz

## Manitoba Historical Society Essay Competition

**Fictional** **1st** Krista Bruce

**Research** **3rd** Nina Battison

Kalyna Zazelenchuk

## DEBATING:

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Provincial Debate Championships Balmoral Hall School

**2nd Team** Heather Hrousalas

Jennifer Stitz

**4th Team** Alexis Cloutier

Maleen Mendis

**2nd Novice Team** Renita Ahluwalia

Mindy Slotta

**3rd Novice Team** Jyoti Seshia

Lindsay Ross-

Stewart

**4th Novice Team** Ashley Burner  
Sarah Coates

## National Junior High Debate Championships Windsor, NS

**3rd Team** Heather Hrousalas

## Forman School Debate Litchfield, Connecticut

**Top Team** Alexis Cloutier

Aylia Mohammadi

**2nd Team** Heather Hrousalas

Jennifer Stitz

## SENIOR SCHOOL

## International Independent Schools Public Speaking Championships

Glenlyon Norfolk School, Victoria, B.C.

**6th Place Team** Raphaelle Labman

Shauna Labman

Rachel Schipper

## National Public Speaking Championships S.J.R., Winnipeg

**2nd Overall** Rachel Schipper

## Provincial Debate Championships St. Paul's High School, Winnipeg

**Top Team** Shauna Labman  
Aylia Mohammadi

**2nd Team** Sarah Coyle  
Rachel Schipper

**1st Overall** Shauna Labman

**2nd Overall** Aylia Mohammadi

**Top School – Balmoral Hall** Sarah Coyle  
Shauna Labman  
Aylia Mohammadi  
Rachel Schipper

## World Debate and Public Speaking Championships Nicosia, Cyprus

**Impromptu Finalist and 13th Overall** Rachel Schipper

## FRENCH AWARDS

### MIDDLE SCHOOL

## Provincial Speech Competition

*Concours d'art oratoire (Grade 7&8)*

**Early Immersion** Kara Moddemann

**1st Place –**

**Late Immersion** Kristle Calisto-Tavares



3rd Place –  
Basic French Deborah Hill

### SENIOR SCHOOL

French Public Speaking, *l'Art*

*Oratoire*

1st Sarah Proulx  
Parul Singh  
3rd Margaret Trott  
Tara-Lea Herkert

French Play — Festival Theatre

Jeunesse

Kathryn Antenbring, Amanda Bourdon (medal), Liza Cordova, Paola Cordova, Sarah Coyle, Sarah Crowther, Ryann Jessiman, Melanie Karlik, Aylia Mohammadi, Sarah Proulx, Parul Singh, Michelle Temple, Sarah Wehrle

### CANADIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION, 1995

GRADE 9 PASCAL CONTEST

medal Joanna Manning

GRADE 10 CAYLEY CONTEST

medal Meghan Watchorn

GRADE 11 FERMAT CONTEST

medal Kalyna Zazelenchuk

GRADE 12 EUCLID CONTEST

medal Kalyna Zazelenchuk

### ATHLETIC AWARDS

Inter-House Track And Field

\*Records Malissa Lundgren  
(Braemar) Shotput – 8.62 m  
Ginny May  
(Braemar) – Javelin – 23.10m

Inter-School Track & Field

Zone 12

3rd Place Junior Girls  
4th Place Senior Girls  
3rd Overall Balmoral Hall

M.C.S.A.A.

1st Place Trophy 12 Year Olds  
1st Place Trophy 14-15 Year Olds

Inter-School Badminton

Zone 12 – Doubles

– Gold medal (1st) Heather Dawson  
Alana Miller

M.C.S.A.A.

Singles (7) 2nd Ashley Burner

Doubles (8)

1st (gold) Shauna Jessiman  
Johanna Murray  
Catherine Abbott-  
Taylor

(8) 3rd

Aynsley Baldwin  
Andrea Rush  
Maya Seshia

(9) 1st (gold)

### MANITOBA SCHOOLS SCIENCE SYMPOSIUM

Gold medal/Top Project in Space

Science Erin Goeres  
Silver medal Sarah Coates  
Bronze medal Megan Hargrove  
Aynsley Moorhouse  
Shanly Meronek  
Samantha Nisbett  
Tricia Sallows  
Dawn Shanski

### PROVINCIAL SCIENCE OLYMPICS

3rd (Rocket Launching)

3rd Place

Trophy Overall Kacey Fields  
Malissa Lundgren  
Lindsay Parker  
Susan Pritchard

### WINNIPEG SCHOOL DIVISION #1 SCIENCE FAIR

Silver Medal Jayda Sutton



1995 WESTERN CANADA SUMMER GAMES – Team Manitoba received a Gold in Squash. I-r: Rachael Hinton, Leanne Devos, Alana Miller (Grade 10), Tiffany Foster



# Closing Exercises

## June 15, 1995

### VALEDICTORY SPEECH

by Rebecca Lechman, Head Girl



*l-r: Rebecca Lechman, outgoing Head Girl, and Nina Battison, Head Girl '95, share a moment at the Graduation Dinner.*



*Rebecca Lechman receiving diploma from Carol Shields, Guest Speaker, and Dr. Stephen Coyle, Chairman*

Today is the day I have waited all my life for, yet it seems it has taken only seconds to arrive. A more important beginning than the first day of Kindergarten, signaling more freedom than a driver's license — it is Graduation.

I am both honoured and saddened to stand up here and address my fellow graduates. Honoured because I am addressing the most beautiful people I have ever known; saddened because this time has come so quickly. Our friendships have survived through good times, bad times, those crucial "developing" years, tragedies and celebration. We have overcome hurdles and sometimes just coasted through on good luck.

Today, as we leave Balmoral Hall, we not only leave a place of academic

learning, but we leave a place that has brought us all together, a place where memories were made and friendships created. Although we may never again grace those hallowed halls, I'm sure our memory will linger forever. We have been known over the years as "the difficult grade". The grade who needed the "attitude change". We have been stubborn, opinionated and sometimes just downright pushy. We may have had a few rough moments, but all it took to bring us together was a good fight between us and higher powers. And yet, today, we must leave this place that has challenged our determination and nurtured our spirit. I look before me and I see those same stubborn girls, now young women, ready to move on to the next phases of their lives.

However, we have not made it here on our own. It has taken the hard work and patience of many people to shape and mold us into the young women we are today.

To our teachers, we thank you. You have always been there when we needed you. Armed with staplers and rubber bands, you have kept both our kilt hems and our socks high and dry. You have enforced attendance to homeroom period to the best of your abilities. You have taught us that hi over ho = di over do, and that Beavis and Butthead really ARE great substitutes for Rosencrantz and Guildenstern. You have threatened to fail us if we kept talking at the back of the room and then sat through endless hours of 8:00 a.m. extra help. You have shown us that with a little hard work and determination, anything is possible. You have guided us towards becoming independent, confident, young women ready to take on the world. To you we owe our patience, our determination, and our self-esteem.

To our parents, we thank you. You have been there when we have bruised a knee or scraped an elbow. You have always been ready when we needed an empty margarine container with holes in the lid so our bugs could breathe. You have sworn that you're cool, hip, 90's parents and then nearly choked when we brought home a date who was taller than you, with an earring and long hair. You have been there, armed with chocolate chip cookies, when our hearts were broken. You have always taught us to set our goals high. You have told us that we can be the best at anything we want to be. To



you we owe our sense of trust, our morals, and our character.

To our fellow students, we thank you. You have kept us on our toes at every moment. You have helped us to feel old and outdated before we even reached the legal age. You have even considered our feelings, once in a while and stepped aside as we pass through the halls, pretending to respect us because we're older. To you we owe our sense of humour, and endless great memories.

I would like to speak directly to the graduates and offer these words of advice. As we were growing up, we heard ourselves labelled as "the Generation X". We have been told that we are the first generation in history that will have a lower standard of living and fewer job opportunities than our parents. We have been told that there is no future due to a deteriorating environment, over-population, violence and a society with a very negative attitude. Well, fellow graduates, all I can say is, I believe we face a challenge. And I believe that the best way to overcome a challenge is the method we've been using for years. We must be strong, we must be determined and we must never let our hopes down. In these days of equality and equal opportunity, women are riding high. I challenge all of you to take advantage of the opportunities that lie ahead of you, as women in the 90's. We shall not be the Generation X and, watch out Mom and Dad, because we're right behind you. We are bright, we are determined, and we are capable of overcoming any obstacle that lies in our path. Susan Schiefelbein once wrote, "We are special because we are integral parts of infinity. The stuff of stars has come alive. Inanimate chemicals have turned to living things that swallow, breathe, bud, blossom, think, dream....We are children of the universe." The graduates of '95 are children of the Universe and I wish for all of you a bright, prosperous, and wonderful future. I know that each and every one of you will be the best you can be.

In closing I would like to leave you all with some of my most vivid memories of this past year and of B.H. I will have, permanently embedded in my memory, the sight of all the Class Presidents about two feet off the ground, scotch-taped to the Gym wall. I will always remember the Grade 9 class, their entry in the Jack



*Teresa Friesen sits amongst the Graduates after they have received their dolls at the Closing Assembly. Each year Mrs. Friesen oversees the Grade 11's making the dolls.*

O'Lantern contest complete with ketchup, soup from the kitchen, shaved turkey and fruit flies, and who could forget their rather strange, though slightly

*Staff, Lee Anderson and Marilyn Clarke, who were the advisors for the Graduation Dinner, smile as the dinner was a great success.*



creative, impromptu Barbie airband. I will remember the relief I felt each and every day, that my locker was in the Senior School Locker Room and not in the green smog and treacherous odors locker room. Of course, who could forget the wonderful D.J. from the Halloween Dance whose baby blue tuxedo was, by the way, not a costume. However, the most vivid memory I have is not of a singular event. After hours and hours of planning, there is nothing more rewarding than seeing people having fun, and enjoying the activity you have worked so hard to make a success. This year, I think we have seen the most support ever from the student body. The sight of everyone having a good time, laughing with their friends is the most special memory to me. So, as promised at the end of '94, I would like to conduct a little test. Look to your left. Have you spent time with this person? Have you gotten to know them a little better this year? And look to your right. Is this person a friend? Is it someone you have shared good times with this year? I hope that we have made it possible for you to say yes.

Thank you all for being so wonderful. I will miss you all, dearly, and I love you from the bottom of my heart.



# Tempus Fugit

Address to the Graduates by Carol Shields  
1995 Pulitzer Prize Winner for Literature  
at the Graduation Exercises, June 15, 1995



*Carol Shields presents the Governor General's Medal to Suzanne Smith (B.H. '95)*

It is a great honour to be asked to speak at a graduation ceremony. An overwhelming honour, I should say, since there is something frighteningly presumptuous about addressing a group of individuals who have arrived at a certain point, and are about to go on into the future.

For a graduation speaker, there are expectations. One is supposed to say something inspirational, since it is assumed that the speaker has acquired wisdom, and that that wisdom can be transmitted.

Well! I stand here humbly, very uncertain, indeed, about my abilities to inspire or even about the nature of inspiration and shared insight. Do I have anything at all to say? And do you young women who are graduating today have any desire to be laden with another's life experience?

I am, of course, haunted by my own university graduation address. In 1957, before Jack Kennedy was elected President of the U.S., before the Vietnam War, before any of us had heard of Pierre Elliott Trudeau, before Woodstock, before the tumult of the sixties, the confusion of the seventies, the greed of the eighties — before all this, I lined up with 100 fellow students at a small Presbyterian college, in Indiana, to receive my Bachelor of Arts degree. It was a hot day — a very hot day — 30 degrees Celsius, not that any of us knew how to convert to Celsius. Under our black ceremonial robes, my girl friends and I wore, by common agreement — nothing. This was considered high daring in those late fifties days. In the years that were to follow, insurrection took more radical turns; graduates, in fact, were scarcely ever present at their convocation ceremonies. Ceremony itself was jettisoned.

But, on that June day in 1957, our speaker was a young — youngish — and extremely popular math professor at our college. He put his message squarely, but

prefaced his remarks by saying that we were highly unlikely to remember anything he might say that day.

He was right. I, for one, sat dreaming about my wedding, six weeks hence, but, dimly, through my faraway romantic thoughts, I heard him say that he would be happy if we carried away a single phrase from the day — and this was it. June, 1957. *Tempus Fugit*.

Now, I don't know if Balmoral demands that its students study Latin, but in those days most of us had had a smattering. And I knew what *tempus fugit* meant: it meant, time flies. He was telling us that unless we seized the moment, every moment, our lives could get away from us, could be eroded, erased, wasted, thrown away through carelessness, lost. I remembered those words.

And in the years to follow, years in which I might be changing diapers, washing floors, driving children to dance classes, sewing, shopping, cooking meals, writing thank-you notes, weeding the garden, reading a little poetry on the sly — those words would occasionally come back to me — *tempus fugit*. Time was hurrying on, brushing past me. I could almost hear the flapping of time's winged chariot. My little life was left behind in the dust. I was standing still — or so I thought. The words *tempus fugit*, when I paused to recollect my graduation day, spooked me. Scared me. I was persuaded that I had failed because I was not filling every day with accomplishment. I was not pushing forward and making the most of my allotted time on earth.

And so, today, fully conscious of the presumption of graduation-speaker smugness, I would like to revise that dictum. *Tempus* does not *fugit*. Time is not cruel. Given the good luck of a long healthy life, as most of us are, we have plenty — plenty of time. We have time to try on new selves, time to experiment, time to dream and drift, time even to

waste. Fallow time, shallow time. We'll have good years and bad years, and we can afford both. Every hour will *not* be filled with meaning and accomplishment, as the world measures these things, but there will be compensating hours so rich, so full, so humanly satisfying, that we will become partners with time, and not victims of it.

Most of us end up seeing our lives not as an ascending line of achievement, but as a series of highly interesting chapters. In all probability, we will work at a number of different jobs in a variety of different fields. Serial careers, especially for women, have become almost the norm. One decade, or chapter, of life introduces the next, and the climate of reward, and its nature, moves all over the map. We may be rewarded when we least expect it, even during an epoch when society tells us that no rewards are available or forthcoming.

In addition, the realities of biology are more and more listened to and registered, and we know now that women's professional lives will have, must have, accommodating patterns. Some of this work has been initiated; your generation will doubtless see its implementation.

Your generation is also likely to question and deconstruct the meta-narratives of our society, our social messages which are so deeply embedded that we don't always remember to hold them up to the light and ask what they mean. Sometimes we repeat one of these social messages — George Eliot called them “formulas for thinking” — and say: “that goes without saying”, forgetting that what goes without saying, needs to be said. Needs to be questioned. Such things as: profit is the bottom line. War equals valor. And — *Tempus fugit*. Rethinking is what is needed. Radical rethinking.

You will have time in which to do this thinking. Time to try on a dozen different hats or even to go hatless. And you



# Junior School Grade 6 Grad Dinner

by Judith Steek,  
*Head of Junior School*

will have time to change your mind. It used to be said — maddeningly often — that women had the prerogative to change their minds. This was meant to demean women, to point to their lack of focus, their essential silliness. Men, on the other hand, were expected to be resolute, to stand on high moral ground, never mind that that ground was shifting beneath their feet.

I wish you all good fortune. I wish you the power to stay alive in your lives, to be reflective, tolerant and open to new ideas. I remember a discussion I heard once on the CBC, a debate on the wisdom of Sunday shopping. Now, this subject has always interested me. It is not a trivial or merely political issue, since it probes, deeply, our societal values and our human needs. The debate involved a transcontinental telephone hookup. First we heard one side of the argument — I forget which and it doesn't matter — from a woman in Toronto. Then the moderator, and I believe it was Peter Gzowski, said: "And now let's hear from our Westcoast contingent". There was a brief silence, and then a crackling on the air waves, and then the speaker said, "I've — I've nothing to say. I was completely persuaded by your Toronto speaker."

Why do I remember this debate with such delight? Because its expression was so rare: here was someone who was willing to be persuaded — and publicly, to change course, to widen out, to admit that life is not simple. The poet, Rilke, tells us to be skeptical about the simple and to trust in the difficult, that difficulty has, in fact, a beautiful face.

Tempus fugit. It is June 15, 1995. Time is passing. The clock is ticking as we sit here. The world is turning. But you will not be overtaken by time if you, instead, take time in your own hands. Taking your time — time to listen, to watch, to breathe, to change, to grow. Time in all its fullness — is yours.

**B**almoral Hall School has many traditions that have been long established — opening assemblies, holiday concerts and closing exercises. One such tradition that is associated with Junior School is our Grade 6 Graduation Dinner. It signifies both the closing of a chapter of the students' life in Junior School, and the beginning of many new and exciting events to come in Middle School.

The Grade 6 Grad Dinner was held, this past year, on the evening of Thursday, June 8. The students and parents of Grade 6 were welcomed with a reception, held in the front foyer of the School. It was a lovely evening and many pictures of students and teachers were taken. It was wonderful to see the girls of Grade 6 transformed from students in the 'green' to the young ladies that they had become in their more 'formal' attire.

The reception was followed by a dinner, planned by the students and teachers

of Grade 6, and prepared by our own terrific kitchen staff. The students were very impressive dinner guests; and judging by the food consumed, the laughter and conversation, teachers and students enjoyed themselves immensely.

Presentation of a graduation gift followed the dinner. The girls ended the evening with a most appropriate game of school-wide 'hide & seek'! Michelle Abbott and her "crew" of workers helped to make the evening aesthetically pleasing, with lovely table settings and decorative touches.

The Grade 6 Graduation Dinner is a tradition which our students look forward to, not only for the evening events, but for what it represents; the culmination of hard work in their many years in Junior School. Congratulations to our 1995 Grade 6 grads, and don't forget to come back and visit Junior School.



*The Graduates of Grade 6*



# December Holiday

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by Linda (Miller) Martin (B.H. '62)  
*Alumnae Director*

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December holidays bring graduates home from university or careers to visit families for the season. What better way to begin celebrating than with the B.H. Family! December 22, 1994, saw everyone gather at Aikins House to share their knowledge and activities. This party was a farewell gift from Mr. Porter and everyone much preferred the location of Aikins House to the Common Room. Thank you, Mr. Porter.

Remember to join us this year on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1995**, to celebrate.



*Top left: Class of '94; I-r: Michelle Clarke, T'Shura Elias, Nikki Steele, Katherine Grenkow, Talia Hussain, Shaila Seshia, Linda Tang*

*Middle left: Class of '91; I-r: Alex Buechel, Seema Joshi, Isha Khan, Adrien (Hersak) Miller, Jennifer Lukovich*

*Bottom left: I-r: Jennifer Baron (B.H. '90), Karen Shanski (B.H. '90), Ardyth DeFehr (B.H. '91), Heather Jessiman (B.H. '90), Dani Rice (B.H. '90).*

*Top right: I-r: (back) Allison Boulton (B.H. '93), Melissa Narvas (B.H. '90), T'Shura Elias (B.H. '94); (front) Reesa Cowan (B.H. '93), Venessa Schreyer (B.H. '93), Mia Rabson (B.H. '93)*



# May Brunch

**Linda (Miller) Martin, B.H. '62**  
*Alumnae Director*



*Lifers from the Class of '95 l-r: Cheryl Pearson, Deborah Palmer, Megan Sweatman, Maria Reimer*

**T**he Balmoral Hall School Alumnae gathered on Sunday, May 7, 1995, to welcome this year's graduates to the Alumnae and to honour those Alums with their five year anniversaries.

As usual, the event was held in the Atrium of Balmoral Hall School. It was beautifully decorated, by Karen Shanski in green and terra-cotta. Karen made potted herb plants for centerpieces and the Alumnae sold these to help pay for the graduates' meals.

At the Brunch, the Chair of Annual Giving, Shelley Muir (B.H. '81), and the Treasurer Catherine (Coughlin) Thiessen (B.H. '78), presented the Annual Giving cheque to Diane Bieber, Head of School. The Alumnae also presented Balmoral Hall School key chains to the graduates as a memento of their years at the School.

What was special, this year, was the number of mother and daughter Alumnae who were present and who could share their experiences.

The Time Capsule for the Graduates of 1995 was sealed, to be opened in the year 2005. The food and conversation were wonderful.

Please join us **SUNDAY, MAY 5, 1996**, for our next gathering. Talk to your classmates, now, and book the date.



*Mothers & Daughters - l-r: Louise Nebbs ('72), Joan (Arnold) Nebbs (Rupert's Land '45), Arla (Button) Sidebottom (Rupert's Land '47), Diane Sidebottom-Roulston ('80) Judith (Munroe) Jessiman ('60), Heather Jessiman ('90), Andrea Baillie ('87), Terry (Fulton) Baillie (staff), Teddi (Wheeler) Sweatman ('66), Meagan Sweatman ('95), Noreen (Young) Zaworonok ('60), Kathryn Zaworonok ('95), Cidney (Burrell) Trott ('60), Margaret Trott ('95)*



*The Class of '90 l-r: (back) Gillian Pettigew, Christine Novotny, Deidre Collette, Leanne Nozick, (front) Karen Shanski, Dani Rice, Heather Jessiman, Ardyth DeFehr ('91), Lauren Toni*



# Annual Giving/Capital Campaign

## What is the Difference?

**T**he need to generate funds over and above regular tuition fees is necessary for Balmoral Hall School if it wants to continue to provide an outstanding learning environment for young women who will go on to be our leaders in society. The two most common types of giving, for Alumnae to help the School, are the Annual Giving and a Capital Campaign. Annual Giving occurs each year, while a Capital Campaign only occurs at various intervals when new facilities are needed.

Annual Giving is a gift from past students who give from a sense of loyalty to their class, devotion to their School, because of what the School meant to them personally, or out of gratitude. The Alumnae Annual Giving Program began in 1992 and has been in operation for three years. The money from this program has been used to fund scholarships for worthy students. This year, for the first time, the Alumnae voted at the Annual Meeting to use 5% to 10% of the money raised from the Annual Giving, *when necessary*, to support Alumnae Association events. An example of such an item would be the cost of the graduates' lunch at the May Brunch. The Annual Giving is made up of donations made each year by the Alumnae to provide scholarships which result in:

- helping a child receive an excellent education
- helping a woman with the ability but, perhaps, not the financial means to achieve
- building scholarship money so that Balmoral Hall can keep or attract the top students. Without scholarship backing, the excellent students are lured elsewhere.

It is essential for the life of the School that the Alumnae support the Annual Giving because scholarships are needed each year.

Over the years our School has had to physically change in order to meet the demands of educating our students. These changes have only been possible through the financial support coordinated by capital campaigns. A Capital Campaign is an opportunity for a donor to make a long-term investment in a significant vital place for some 550 students today. In order for it to be here for many more generations, we need to enhance our facility to ensure that we continue to attract young women interested in being challenged in ways that will prepare them for their future. A Capital Campaign then is used to build facilities and is targeted to generate larger gifts.

This year, Balmoral Hall has both an Annual Giving and a Capital Campaign in progress. We would ask Alumnae to study the appeal from each and to give to one or both. Please fill in the enclosed insert, stating clearly which or both of the campaigns you support.

### ALUMNAE BOARD (1995/96)

Diane Sidebottom-Roulston, *B.H. '80, President*  
 Aynsley Hinchliffe, *B.H. '83, Past President*  
 Jacqueline Cantin, *B.H. '83*  
 T'Shura Elias, *B.H. '94*  
 Maria (Clark) Lysack, *B.H. '82*  
 Josephine (Adamson) Milton, *B.H. '52*  
 Shelley Muir, *B.H. '81*  
 Louise Nebbs, *B.H. '72, Capital Campaign Chair*  
 Tannis (Leach) Nuttall, *B.H. '83*  
 Susan (Graham) Scott, *B.H. '81*  
 Lyn Stephen, *B.H. '57, Archivist*  
 Karen Shanski, *B.H. '90*  
 Signy Stewart, *B.H. '74*  
 Catherine (Coughlin) Thiessen, *B.H. '78*

### ANNUAL GIVING 1994

**TOTAL — \$12,307.00**

Thank you, Alumnae, for supporting the Annual Giving this year and thank you to Shelley Muir (B.H. '80) who chaired this difficult campaign! I say "difficult" because this year was also the start of the third phase of the Capital Campaign. We are delighted that 160 of you chose to give to the Alumnae Annual Giving Campaign to support scholarships. Below are listed the Alumnae who so generously supported us. **THANK YOU!**

### RIVERBEND

**Total — \$1,240.00**

Ruby (Benidickson) Ashdown  
 Lorna (McCarthy) Berg  
 Marion (Hambley) Campbell  
 Mary C. (Harris) Campbell  
 Maureen (Knight) Charron  
 Winnifred (McIntyre) Davies  
 Carolyn (Dowler) Graham  
 Margaret Jamieson  
 Donna (Plant) Macaw  
 Jocelyn (Young) MacGibbon  
 Anne (Colyer) Maier  
 Grace McCurdy  
 Shirley (Swail) Parker  
 Shirley (Rooper) Richardson  
 Frances (Aikins) Riley  
 Helen (Palk) Riley  
 Polly (Harris) Riley  
 Dorothy (Forsyth) Sangster  
 Mildred (Longstaffe) Smith  
 Kathleen Richardson  
 Dorothy (Kennedy) Weagant

### RUPERT'S LAND

**Total — \$2,767.00**

Barbara (Hamon) Aldous  
 Louise (Pellenz) Allton  
 Frances (Hunt) Andras  
 Isobel (Taylor) Attrell  
 Eve (Rogers) Auer  
 Evelyn (Barrow) Best  
 Clementina (Adamson) Bidwell  
 Miriam (Baker) Blair  
 Elizabeth (Holden) Buggey  
 Cynthia (Bennest) Burbidge  
 Barbara (Sherman) Cantlie  
 Lucille Cubbidge



## ALUMNAE

Peggy (Musgrove) Danard  
Enid (Hoover) Day  
Sally (Riley) Dowler  
Patti (Gladstone) Everett  
Lorena (McDonald) Fair  
Ruth Ferguson  
Joyce (Burton) Fulton  
Margaret (Kirby) Harwood  
Joan (Adamson) Hunt  
Blanche (Henderson) Johnston  
Marjorie (Chisholm) Johnston  
Frances (MacCharles) Jukes  
Katherine M. (Lincoln) Kendall  
Patricia (Parrish) Lee  
Isabelle (Hamon) MacKay  
Janet (Wilson) McDonald  
Margaret (Tomkins) McDonald  
Billie (Baker) McNichol  
Jennifer (Robertson) McQueen  
Joan (Macaw) Miners  
Betty (Baker) Moorhouse  
Lois (O'Grady) Pavlasek  
Betty (Woodman) Pugh  
Ann (Kobar) Purcell  
Tannis (Thorlakson) Richardson  
Audrey (Fitzgerald) Roberts  
Ruth Robinson  
Shirley (Claydon) Slocombe  
Ruth (Simonds) Smith  
Cecilia (Denison) Stevenson  
Mary P. (Tucker) Taylor  
Elizabeth Trimmer  
Amy (Best) Wadley  
Betty (Foster) Wilcox  
Margaret (Martin) Williams  
Frances (Scoville) Wilson  
Gerry (Scott) Wilson  
Elizabeth (Gemmill) Yarnell  
Sheila (Young) Zimmerman

### BALMORAL HALL

1950 – 1959

**Total – \$1,985.00**

June (Kobar) Berg  
Quentin (Little) Brown  
Rae (Burrell) Jessiman  
Gail (MacDonald) Konantz  
Bernice (Prodor) Kosiur  
Marlene (Musgrove) Lansdown  
Suzanne (Holland) Lount

Pam (Garton) MacIver  
Gail (Brooking) Matthews  
Joanne (Wilson) Morris  
Jane (Wallace) Osterland  
Roberta (Robertson) Panasiuk  
Pam (MacCharles) Pettigrew  
Diane (Armstrong) Pugh  
Donna M. (Young) Robertson  
Lyn Stephen  
Bonnie Stovel  
Mary Tredennick  
Geillis (Kilgour) Turner  
Joan (Malaher) Williams

1960 – 1969

**Total – \$2,690.00**

Shirley (Donaldson) Berlin  
Marcia (Jackson) Boyd  
Ditte (Lansky) Cloutier  
Ann (Masou) Curry  
Helen "Nicki" (McGibbon) Douglas  
Mary (Bruce) Graham  
Carolyn (Richardson) Hursh  
Carol (Armytage) Isaac  
Judy (Munro) Jessiman  
Gwen (McQuade) Kalansky  
Diana Majury  
Deirdre Malone  
Carol (Emerson) Marco  
Linda (Miller) Martin  
Julia (Berry) Melnyk  
Nancy (Flintoft) Meronek  
Jane (Thomas) Miller  
Darryl Moore  
Anne Morton  
Eva Newman  
Dee Dee (Washington) Newmark  
Rosemary (Allison) Norrie  
Eleanor (Gaskell) Payne  
Linda (Leach) Radcliffe  
Joan (Rankin) Richardson  
Rhonda Smerchanski  
Elsie (Shandro) Smith  
Joanne R. Sutherland

1970 – 1979

**Total – \$1,335.00**

Mary Grace Ashdown-Durst  
Brenda (Hotchkiss) Mackie  
Loreena McKennitt

Louise Nebbs  
Lisa (Evans) Plocktis  
Nancy M. Riley  
Sheila (Harrison) Ruban  
Diana Salter  
Pamela Stevens West  
Signy Stewart  
Catherine (Coughlin) Thiessen  
Shirley-Ann Wing

1980 – 1989

**Total – \$655.00**

Jacqueline Cantin  
Maria Clark Lysack  
Kim (Fyles) Frederiksen  
Judi (Green) Gannon  
Kim (Ablitt) Greer  
Ariel Gurvey  
Aynsley Hinchliffe  
Christine Hinchliffe  
Jane (Kellock) Hladky  
Tania Kotelewetz  
Barbara Leach-Walters  
Shelley Muir  
Isabel Murray  
Diane Sidebottom Roulston  
Sarah (Andrusco) Stasiuk  
Takako (Suzuki) Suzuki

1990 – 1994

**Total – \$140.00**

Louise Coyle  
Amanda Gyles  
Jolene Harvey  
Heather Jessiman  
Christine Novotny

### FRIENDS/FORMER STAFF

**Total – \$1,220.00**

Mrs. Kathleen Litch  
Miss Nellie Lucas  
Mrs. Mary Pluhar  
Mrs. Peg (Aikins) Sellers

### PARENTS/GRANDPARENTS

**Total – \$275.00**

Mr. Eric Lansky  
Mr. & Mrs. Greg Michie  
Mrs. Joan Speirs  
Mr. & Mrs. Bruce Wardrope



Catherine (Coughlin) Thiessen (B.H. '78), Treasurer, and Shelley Muir (B.H. '81), Chair of Annual Giving, present a cheque for scholarships to Diane Bieber, Head of School.



# “Enriching Her Tomorrows”

**T**he “Enriching Her Tomorrows” Campaign is the final phase of a three-part building campaign that began in 1988.

The first two phases were successfully completed in 1991 and the school is now enjoying the benefits. Once the minimal goal of \$2.2 million is in place, construction can begin on the final phase which includes an Athletic Centre, Theatre, Media Technology Centre and an Alumnae Centre.

The School has outgrown the current gymnasium. At this time, some classes are being held at outside facilities and the Physical Education program is restricted, due to lack of space. The new Athletic Centre will provide the space and equipment required to deliver a comprehensive physical education program for all students. The Centre will include a regulation size gymnasium so that the School can participate in, and host provincial and even national tournaments and competitions. The new Athletic Centre will give the School an opportunity to enhance the regular program and give students the chance to explore new areas of activities.

Balmoral Hall has always recognized the importance of the Arts in education. In phase three, the current gymnasium (Richardson Hall) will be transformed into a Theatre with proper seating and a stage. This new space will allow the School to develop its music and drama programs, as well as be the ideal space for performances, lectures and multi-media presentations.

In addition to the Theatre/Performing Arts Centre, the renovations to Richardson Hall will include additional classrooms and a Media Technology Centre. In today's world, the use of computers has become a standard tool. As our students prepare for their professions, they need the opportunity to master the technology which will be central to their future.



*l-r: Michele Young (parent), Drew Salter (B.H. '74), and Signy Stewart (B.H. '74) study the architect's drawing of the proposed new gymnasium.*

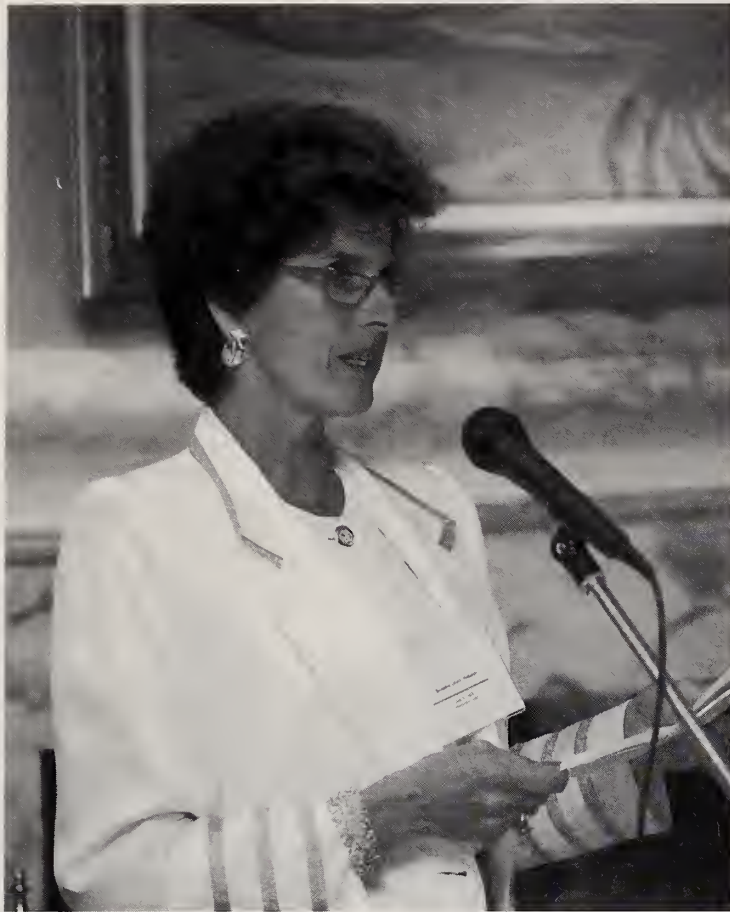
The final phase will include an acknowledgment of the ongoing importance of the Alumnae to the School. The Alumnae Centre will be a permanent home to store and display the School's extensive archives. Outside the Alumnae Centre, four alcoves will be dedicated to the founding schools: Riverbend, Rupert's Land and Havergal. A fourth alcove will tell the story of the young women who were sent to Riverbend and Rupert's Land during World War II.

This campaign will ensure that Balmoral Hall School continues to be on the leading edge of education and prepares young

women for the many challenges of today's changing society. The focus of the final phase is to enhance the athletics, arts and technology programs. Suitably, this final phase will include a permanent acknowledgment of the importance of the Alumnae to the school and the rich history of Balmoral Hall.

In order for the campaign to reach its minimal target of \$2.2 million, we need to rely on the support of the School's Alumnae. We encourage you to take the time to make a contribution to the “Enriching Her Tomorrows” campaign. Each gift does make a difference!





## Athletics, Arts & Technology

**Mrs. Suzanne E. Lount (B.H. '56)**

*Honourary Chair*

*"Enriching Her Tomorrows" Capital Campaign*

**B**almoral Hall School has been an important part of my life, over the years. As an alumna of the Class of 1956, it was a real honour to have my daughters, Ashleigh Banfield (Class of 1985) and Alexandra Sawchyn (Class of 1981), attend Balmoral Hall.

As I walk through the halls today, I have a sense of pride in our school and the women who are graduates. Many of our alumnae are active in their communities and leading professional careers throughout the world. We have alumnae who are government representatives, senators, lawyers, doctors, scientists, accountants, performing and visual artists

and mothers, to name a few. We should be very proud of our association with Balmoral Hall — *our* school.

Women's educational institutions traditionally have struggled for support. I invite you to change that by making this final phase of the "Enriching Her Tomorrows" campaign a financial priority. Daily, we are bombarded with requests to be philanthropic and the giving of our time and money is important, if charities are to survive. We have the ability to make choices, especially financial choices. I invite you to make your School one of those choices.

As an Alumna, you are very important to Balmoral Hall School. You are a

reflection of the benefits and the need for the School. The School, through this campaign, is recognizing the importance of the Alumnae.

Balmoral Hall School relies on the support of those who are concerned about nurturing the future of outstanding young women. Through your support, we will be able to continue to "*Enrich Her Tomorrows*" — today.

Thank you to those who have already participated in the campaign and to those who are about to. This will ensure that Balmoral Hall School will continue to provide the enriched education to young women who will be our future.



# Enriching Her Tomorrows - today

*Thank-you to the many donors - Alumnae, Board of Governors, Corporations, Foundations, Grandparents, Parents, Past Parents, Staff - who have already made a contribution to the final phase Capital Campaign.*

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Mr. & Mrs. M. Yurkowski  
Noreen & Kathryn Zaworonok  
Several Annonymous Gifts

*In addition, thank you to the volunteers who continue to diligently work on behalf of the Campaign. We apologize for any errors or omissions.*



# Toronto Alumnae Evening



Nicki (McGibbon) Douglas (B.H. '62), graciously opened her beautiful home in Toronto, on May 24, 1995, to the Alumnae in order to unveil the plans for the Capital Campaign. In Toronto from Winnipeg, for the event, were Diane Sidebottom-Roulston (B.H. '80), President of the Balmoral Hall Alumnae Association, Linda (Miller) Martin (B.H. '62), Director of Alumnae, Susie (Holland) Lount (B.H. '56), Honorary Chair of the Capital Campaign, and Louise Nebbs (B.H. '72), Alumnae Chair of the Capital Campaign. Conversation was animated and much laughter was shared. All were delighted to be updated on the School's events.



Above: l-r: Daphne (White) Lindsay (B.H. '50), Dilys (White) Machej (B.H. '62) and Judith Knight (B.H. '62)

Top right: l-r: Nicki (McGibbon) Douglas (B.H. '62), Hostess, Diane Sidebottom-Roulston (B.H. '80), President, Balmoral Hall Alumnae Association, Louise Nebbs (B.H. '72), Alumnae Chair of the Capital Campaign, and Susie (Holland) Lount (B.H. '56), Honorary Chair of the Capital Campaign

Middle right: l-r: Doris (Proctor) Cavanagh (Rupert's Land) and Winnifred Ruth Davies (Riverbend '41)

Bottom right: l-r: Deirdre Malone (B.H. '67) and Cathy Pennock (B.H. '67)





# An Evening in the Country

George and Tannis (Thorlakson) Richardson (Riverbend '44) invited the Alumnae and guests to "An Evening in the Country" at their home, Briarmeade, on Tuesday, June 6. The focus of the evening was to announce the plans for the final phase of the Enriching Her Tomorrows building campaign. It was a marvelous evening in beautiful surroundings, where one chatted with old friends. *(photos courtesy of Brian Sytnyk)*



Top left: "Three Generations" – l-r: Tannis (Leach) Nuttall (B.H. '83), Paige Nuttall, Gail (Allman) Leach (B.H. '60)

Middle left: Sisters – l-r: Deanna Hansen (B.H. '87) and Carla Hansen-Castelane (B.H. 79)

Bottom left: Songs around the piano – l-r: Tannis (Thorlakson) Richardson (Riverbend '44), Andrea Young, Grade 6, Christine Yurkowski, Grade 6, Josephine (Adamson) Milton (B.H. '52) and Wes Elias (staff)

Above: Uniforms Through the Ages– l-r: Havergal (facsimile)- T'Shura Elias (B.H. '94) Riverbend - Talia Hussain (B.H. '94) Rupert's Land - Francoise Vouriot (Grade 12) Balmoral Hall - Caroline Evans (B.H. '92) Balmoral Hall - Shelley Bruce (Grade 12)





# Where They Are, and What They're Doing

## RUPERT'S LAND

**Geraldine Wilson (Rupert's Land '36)** — retired April, 1994 as Director of Development, Winnipeg Art Gallery. "I have always admired B.H.'s excellent and singular emphasis on Young Women's Education.

**Clementina (Adamson) Bidwell (Rupert's Land '37)** — lives in Victoria with her husband, a retired army Colonel, near her sister Eva Mary (Adamson) Pugh (Rupert's Land '32).

**Shirley (Rooper) Richardson (Rupert's Land '41)** — reports that she and her husband travelled in January to Australia and Falkland Islands.

**Barbara A. (Sherman) Cantlie (Rupert's Land '43)** — Barbara says "Congratulations Shelley Muir (B.H. '81) for heading the Third Alumnae Annual Giving Campaign. I remember you most fondly. Best wishes!"

**Shirley R. (Clayden) Slocombe (Rupert's Land 43)** — "I am pleased to support the Alumnae as my sister, Margaret (Clayden) Norquay, won a scholarship at "Rupe" in, I believe, 1936. She did not take it up, but it was a lean time in commerce and she wanted to go to Business College, and it enabled my parents to send me to "Rupe", where I had the happiest school days — starting with Miss Haditch and ending with dear Miss Sharman."

**Mildred E. (Longstaffe) Smith (Rupert's Land '44)** — reports that she enjoyed the May Luncheon so very much. She is "living the life of leisure — summers at Star Lake, part of the winters in Texas, and hopes to visit her cousin Dorothy Mae (Longstaffe) Watkinson (Rupert's Land '44), in Manhattan Beach, California. "I have 5 children and seven grandchildren. Dorothy has 4 children and 6 grandchildren, so we are keeping even!"

**Jennifer R. McQueen (Rupert's Land '47)** — retired in 1994 and now lives in Taunton, England. Her previous positions were Canadian High Commissioner to Jamaica, Bahamas, and Belize 1990-1993; Deputy Minister of Labour, Government of Canada, 1984-1990.

**The Reverend Ruth Smith (Rupert's Land '48)** — was ordained as an Anglican

priest, October 16, 1994, at Christ Church, Belleville, Ontario. She is seen here with her husband, Mr. Harold Smith.



**Sheila (Young) Zimmerman (Rupert's Land '49)** — has moved from Ottawa to Sechelt, B.C. She enjoys the spectacular scenery and warm weather. "We swim to September 30, and not in the rain! There are even Rupert's Land alums within mailing distance — and grandchildren too. What more could anyone need?"

## RIVERBEND

**Maureen (Knights) Charron (Riverbend '42)** — retired six years ago from Champlain College Library. Now she enjoys her nine grandchildren.

## BALMORAL HALL

**Gail (MacDonald) Konantz (B.H. '53, and B.H. staff '69)** — writes, "I've just returned from Nepal where I took a group of senior hikers into the Everest Region. Their average age was 72. The 77-year old had two artificial hips. They hiked to 13,000 feet, camped in the snow and inspired all who met them."

**Judith (Munro) Jessiman (B.H. '59)** — writes that she is spending a lot more time at her Bear's Paw Condo in Naples, Florida, between October and April. She plays tennis and golf, but spends considerable time working with D.A.S.C.H., the organization that provides homes and a working program for mentally handicapped adults.

**Pamela (MacCharles) Pettigrew (B.H. '59)** — is a Physiotherapist in Trenton, Ontario. She reports that her daughter, Heather, is a Captain in the Army — C.F.B. Trenton, and her son, Dan, is a computer engineer at the Canadian Consulate, Buffalo, New York.

**Shirley (Donaldson) Berlin (B.H. '60)** — is living in Moscow for 1994/95 and travelling to Siberia and Kazakhstan. "Every day is an adventure: I go out shopping for eggs and return with a chicken. The 3R's have become the 3C's: Concerts, Champagne and Caviar (Red is best!)."

**Suzanne Evans (B.H. '62)** — is back in Lethbridge, Alberta. She teaches, and enjoys being a grandmother.

**Judith Knight (B.H. '62)** — adopted a little girl from Peru six years ago. Judith travelled to Peru and climbed into the mountains to claim her child. She really enjoys her daughter who is now six.

**Elsie (Shandro) Smith (B.H. '62)** — and her husband have sold their business in Edmonton and moved to Vancouver. They are now travelling to the places that they have always wanted to see.

**Marcia (Jackson) Boyd (B.H. '64)** — has taken a leave from her position as Dean of Dentistry, at U.B.C., to be Chief Examiner of the National Dental Examining Board of Canada and to work with the World Health Organization on a global community education initiative.



*Jo Hewitt-Nickel (former staff '80-'91) and Shideh Khorasheh (B.H. '82 and former staff) came back to the School to visit.*



**Gwen (McQuade) Kalansky (B.H. '66)** — is a family physician in Winnipeg. She has two children: Lexi (8 years) and Gavin (6 years). Her husband is the C.E.O. of 7-Oaks Hospital.

**Eva Newman (B.H. '66)** — lives in Calgary with her two beautiful girls — Annik, ten years, and Jessica, twelve years, who are bilingual.

working as a biologist, she is at home with her four children: Emily (7 years), Dashiel (4 years), Gwen (2 years), and Charlie (8 months). She has been appointed recently to the Provincial Council of Midwifery for the Province of Manitoba

**Dr. Neru Gupta (B.H. '80)** is an eye specialist living in Toronto and is expecting her first child.



*These Alums returned to help judge the Rupert's Land Public Speaking Tournament: l-r: Jackie Cantin (B.H. '83), Isha Khan (B.H. '91), Melissa Narvas (B.H. '90), Patricia Maia (B.H. '89), Ranya Khan (B.H. '91)*

**Sylvia Evans (B.H. '69)** — lives in San Diego, California, and has just given birth to her first child, a son, Alessandro. She is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Medicine at U.C.S.D.

**Ashleigh Everett (B.H. '74)** — was appointed Volunteer Coordinator for the Pan-American Games to be held in Winnipeg in the summer of 1999.

**Lisa (Evans) Plocktis (B.H. '78)** — moved to Kelowna, B.C. She has three children: Scott (1 year), Christopher (6 years) and Lindy (4 years).

**Vicki (Guy) Burns (B.H. '79)** — and her husband, Andrew, are both economists and they have moved to Paris, France, where Vicki works for the O.E.C.D. (The Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development).

**Margaret Haworth-Brockman (B.H. '79)** — reports that after ten years of

**Jane (Kellock) Hladky (B.H. '80)** — lives in Edmonton and works as a medical representative. She writes, "I've been married now nearly six years. I have a 3-1/2 year old daughter and a baby boy. I continue to do medical courses for work in my spare time and still really enjoy fitness activities such as running, lifting weights, and swimming. I hope to get back to doing triathalons next summer."

**Nicola (Murray) Tory (B.H. '80)** — is married and living in England for the past 6 years with her husband, David. They welcomed the birth of their first child, Madeliene, in February. **Jocelyn Peifer (B.H. '80)** and **Diane Sidebottom-Roulston (B.H. '80)** visited Nicola at her family camp in Kenora, Ontario.

**Indira Guha (B.H. '81)** — lives in Toronto and works for Ion Communications.

**Ariel Gurvey (B.H. '81)** — writes that "on a recent business trip to Winnipeg, I visited B.H. Things sure have changed! Our Grade 12 homeroom is now a locker room. I spent a very informal 45 minutes talking with the current Grade 12 Physics class about their career options and university. I would like to encourage fellow graduates to go to the School and talk about their professions. The students need to be well informed to make an educated choice about their future."

**Maria McKercher (B.H. '81)** — married Ralph Guy on May 27, 1995.

**Shideh Khorasheh (B.H. '82)** — lives in Vancouver and is a National Clinical Trial Coordinator for Canadian H.I.V. Trial Network.

**Catherine Murray (B.H. '82)** — is happily living in California.

**Susan Riley (B.H. '82)** and partner, David Thompson, happily welcomed Toby Piper Riley Thompson, last May — she goes by Piper. Susan is as zany as ever and takes motherhood in stride.

**Jennifer Balon (B.H. '83)** — has moved from Mississauga to Toronto where she works as Marketing Manager, Hyperion Mutual Funds, C.I.B.C. Securities Inc.

**Jacqueline Cantin (B.H. '83)** — has been keeping busy with the Alumnae Board, work in cardiology at the Health Sciences Centre, and travelling. "I have been doing the Club Med adventures to the Caribbean and Mexico. This year, as well, is a visit to the United Kingdom to visit the family for a reunion in December. I've really got the travel bug — too bad I have to work in between."

**Kim (Fyles) Frederiksen (B.H. '84)** — is a realtor with ReMax in Winnipeg. She reports she has been married for five years and has two little boys — Anders, 4 years old, and Soren, 6 months old.

**Fiona Murray (B.H. '84)** is a director for Hasbro Europe — the youngest director in the corporation.

**Isabel Murray (B.H. '84)** — who is an economist with the Federal Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, accepted a four-month assignment in February, 1994 to assist the Russian Department of Energy in fiscal aspects of oil development in their emerging market economy. In August, 1994, she returned for a second such assignment.



Now fluent in Russian, Isabel has a wide circle of Russian friends and revels in the artistic and musical life of the Russian capital.

**Angela Nichol (B.H. '85)** — is living in Marina Del Rey, California, working for a small publisher. "Our first novel, called *Untitled Nude*, is a lusty page turner about the Venice Art World."

**Deidre Prosen (B.H. '85)** — had her Graduate Thesis Show at the U.W.M. Art Museum in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, April 30 to May 14, 1995. She graduated with a Masters in Fine Arts.

**Alexandra Hersak (B.H. '87)** — has graduated with her Law Degree and is articling in Ottawa.

**Suzy Cramp (B.H. '88)** — received her B.Comm. and her M.Acc. from the University of Manitoba. She is currently Assistant Audit Senior at Deloitte Touche in Winnipeg.

**Patricia (Paddy) Cramp (B.H. '89)** — received her Diploma in Nursing from the Red River Community College in June, 1994 and her R.N. in the summer of 1994. She is currently working at the Health Sciences Centre on a medical ward. She is working towards her B.N. at the University of Manitoba.

**Jennifer (Beuchel) Gauvin (B.H. '88)** — lives in Grafton, Ontario. She graduated from Queens with a degree in Chemical Engineering, worked for a time for Proctor and Gamble, and now works as a process engineer for Kraft Foods. She has been married for two years and her husband is in the Armed Forces.

**Sarah (Andrusco) Stasiuk (B.H. '88)** — "After working for a year in San Francisco, I travelled to France, where I settled in Paris. I attended the Sorbonne and received my translator's degree. I worked as a translator in Paris, Geneva, Los Angeles, San Francisco and Montreal, then returned home to Saskatoon to be near my family in '92. I taught music with my father until I came to live with my husband in '93. I am a mother to his four children, whose mother passed away 5 years ago. We farm, are very busy with kids, I teach piano and sit on "committees" for fun! I think often of B.H. I really enjoy reading *The Portal*."

**Paige Glen (B.H. '89)** — received her Bachelor of Arts Degree from the



*Congratulations to Michelle Clarke (B.H. '94, far right) and Wendy Campbell (School Captain, second left) who won a gold medal for rowing in the four-team at the Western Canada Summer Games in Abbotsford, B.C.*

University of Manitoba in 1992 and her Bachelor of Education in 1995 from the University of Winnipeg. She is teaching Grade 2 at the Keystone Christian School in Winnipeg.

**Patricia Maia (B.H. '89)** — is at the University of Dalhousie studying Law.

**Sarina Pal (B.H. '89)** — is teaching Grade 4 in Houston, Texas.

**Mekhul Ramgoolam (B.H. '89)** — lives in Toronto and works as an Assistant Account Executive at Fleishman-Hillard Canada Inc.

**Takako Suzuki (B.H. '89)** — returned to Japan, but "I had a business trip to Canada in August, 1994. It was very nice for me to go back there. Now I work in the international N.G.O., a volunteer group in Shizuoka, which is "Cycle Against Poverty". We don't have any Canadian staff now, however, we have Australians and Americans. I hope B.H. staff or Alumnae who are interested in our project will contact me."

**Val Ternan (B.H. '89)** — writes that she has become re-united with her birth mother. She says, "I've met my twin!" She has discovered that she has two brothers and a sister and everyone has welcomed her into their homes and hearts. "I am forever grateful to my adoptive family — they'll always be Mom and Dad. However, I feel my identity is more complete

knowing my biological roots — it's easier to move forward into the future with a past from which to launch." Val felt her B.H. friends would be happy for her contentment.

**Maya Prabhu (B.H. '90)** — has completed her Masters Degree at the London School of Economics and she worked at the United Nations, in New York, for the summer. She is now studying medicine at Dalhousie University from which she received a scholarship.



*Val Ternan (B.H. '89) with her birth mother*



Katie Florentine (B.H. '91) — lives in Phoenix, Arizona, and has her own catering company.

Amanda Gyles (B.H. '91) — lives in Venice, California, where she is a Theatre Arts Assistant Secretary/Assistant House Manager for Santa Monica College. She has performed in the School's productions of "Fiddler on the Roof" and "A Little Night Music". "I have joined a small acappella singing group. As of Fall, 1995, I will be back in Canada."

Adrien Hersak (B.H. '91) — was married, in June, to Andrew Miller. They both graduated from the University of North Dakota, as pilots, and will live in Grand Forks.

Jade Hume (B.H. '91) — is living in London, England. "I am still struggling away with my civil engineering degree. It is going — OK actually. We get some really interesting projects. Right now I am working on a pedestrian bridge which spans a 200 metre lake — easy (NOT!). Well, I'm still playing basketball on the Firsts for the University — that's going quite well. I have just moved into a new flat — it's really nice, I've got a massive room. It will be a long time before I can come back to good ol' Canada."

Isha Khan (B.H. '91) — is at the University of Victoria, studying Law.

Louise Coyle (B.H. '93) has been accepted into the Department of Political Science, at the University of British Columbia, to study for her degree in International Relations.

Jolene Harvey (B.H. '93) — is studying 2nd year Criminology and Political Science at Simon Fraser University. She reports that Kim Lear (B.H. '93) and Sharon Moir (B.H. '93) were reunited with her when they moved to Kelowna, B.C.

Mia Rabson (B.H. '93) — is at Queen's University but, next year, will carry on her studies at the Queen's Campus in England.

Amy Wu (B.H. '94) — was the first student from China to attend Balmoral Hall. She has presented the flag of the People's Republic of China to the School.

# Great Interest Shown in Archives

by Lyn Stephen (B.H. '57),  
Archivist

Last year's announcement in *The Portal* about the establishment of the School Archives has sparked a great deal of interest in the history of Havergal, Rupert's Land, Riverbend and Balmoral Hall. Grade 2 students greatly enjoyed a classroom exhibit of uniforms, pins and photographs from the past. A Grade 4 student, Katie French, chose Balmoral Hall history as the subject of her excellent Project Fair entry. Maria Woo, a Resident student in Grade 11, spent hours poring over yearbooks in preparation for the writing of a paper on the history of the School, from 1901 to the present. On request, special historical displays were mounted for the Alumnae May Brunch and for Grandparents' Day. Throughout 1994-95, requests for archival items and information came from students, staff, teachers and Alumnae members.

A warm thank-you is extended to all those whose thoughtful donations of

memorabilia have helped our archival collection to grow. In addition, searches of a number of storage areas in the School have yielded some extraordinary "finds".

A room on the third floor of Aikins House has been designated for archival work and protective storage. Many former "boarders" will remember it as Miss Sharman's room; given her long and caring commitment to the School, and her unflinching interest in its past and its future, during her lifetime, this setting for the Archives seems especially appropriate.

Please think "Archives" when deliberating about what to do with your School photographs, yearbooks, pins and other memorabilia. All contributions will be gratefully received and carefully preserved. Remember, the new building will contain an Alumnae Centre with special storage space for archives.

## Births

Sylvia Evans (B.H. '69) - her first child, a son, in April 1995, called Alessandro.

Maria (Clark) Lysack (B.H. '82) - a baby boy, 7 lbs., 7 oz., called Andrew Markus.

Susan Riley (B.H. '82) - a baby girl, called Toby Piper Riley Thompson.

Megan Jessiman (B.H. '83) - a baby girl, born in May, 1995.

Anna (Cholakis) Dovolis (B.H. '79) - a daughter, called Christina Dovolis

Sandy Best (B.H. '83) - a baby boy, called Lucas Fraser, born March 24, 1995, at St. Paul's Hospital in Vancouver, B.C.



# Graduating Class of 1995

Jennifer Bermisa  
Daisy Chan

Yonnie Chan

Aaron Chauvin

Jean Chen  
Missy Cowan  
Fern Cronshaw  
Brandi Donald  
Roslyn Forbes  
Ilise Greenberg  
Moirra Gustafson  
Jennifer Hazelwood  
Tara Lea Herkert  
Gwynne Johannesson

Shauna Labman

Rebecca Lechman  
Simone Lee  
Danielle LeMoal

Karon Li  
Catriona Macfarlane

Diane Orihel

Deborah Palmer  
Cheryl Pearson  
Tina Penswick

Christina Pylypchuk

Maria Reimer  
Harwant Sandhu  
Navdeep Sandhu  
Veronica Schreiber  
Suzanne Smith

Tara Stupak  
Megan Sweatman

Maggie Trott  
Melanie Turner  
Claire Validen  
Kathryn Zaworonok  
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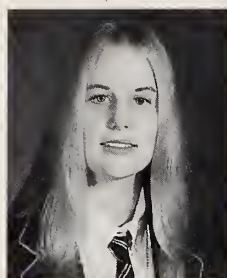
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MN - Political Science  
University of British Columbia -  
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University of Manitoba - Science  
Queens University - Science  
University of Winnipeg - Arts &  
Science  
York University - Business  
Dalhousie University - Arts &  
Science  
University of British Columbia -  
Science  
University of Manitoba - Arts  
University of Manitoba - Arts  
University of Central Lancashire  
(England) - Neuro Science  
University of Saskatchewan -  
Arts & Science  
University of Winnipeg - Science  
University of Winnipeg - Science  
University of Winnipeg - Science  
University of Victoria - Arts  
University of Calgary - Engi-  
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University of Manitoba - Arts  
University of British Columbia -  
Human Kinetics  
University of Toronto - Arts  
Working for a year  
Working for a year  
Working for a year  
University of Manitoba - Arts

# Award Winners



Shauna Labman

**Shauna Labman** — Grade 12 Class President, and national and international debater, Shauna has been awarded a \$10,000 scholarship by the University of British Columbia. Shauna will be entering the Faculty of Arts. At Closing Exercises, Shauna was the recipient of the M. Cole Davis Department Award and the Grade 12 English Advanced Placement Award.



Diane Orihel

**Diane Orihel** — was awarded a \$10,000 scholarship by the University of British Columbia. She will be entering the Faculty of Science. At Closing Exercises, Diane was the recipient of the Manitoba Institute of Chartered Accountants Award.



Navdeep Sandhu

**Navdeep Sandhu** — Grade 12 Class President, has been awarded the Alumni Entrance Scholarship by the University of Winnipeg, where she intends to study Science. Navdeep was presented with the Elizabeth Patton Memorial Shield, awarded to a student demonstrating qualities of leadership, dependability, friendliness and courtesy.



Suzanne Smith

**Suzanne Smith** — Governor General Medal recipient, and winner of the French, Calculus, Chemistry and Physics Prizes, Suzanne has been awarded the Engineering Associate Scholarship at the University of Calgary. This award is \$3,000., every year, for 4 years.



Margaret Trott

**Margaret Trott** — Head of Glen Gairn and editor of the Balmoral Hall student newspaper, *Mad About Plaid*, was named one of 20 Arbor Scholars by the University of Toronto. The scholarship, valued at \$3,000. for four years, is awarded to 20 of the most outstanding high school students in Canada. Maggie was also selected to receive a Barbara Frum Provincial Scholarship. Established by the C.B.C. in memory of Barbara Frum, this scholarship is given to one student from each Canadian province and territory. At Closing Exercises, Maggie received the G. Harold Aikins Award for the Humanities and the History 300 and Geography 300 Prizes.



# Obituaries

**Wendy Thompson (B.H. '79)** — January, 1995. (reprinted from an article from the Vancouver Sun)

"For most of you, Wendy Thompson is just a name attached to a tragic accident, the crash of a medical flight off the Queen Charlotte Islands. To me and my family, she was a special person. Wendy filled a room with her energy, enthusiasm, her zest and her laugh. In the late 1980s, Wendy lived in our suite at Whistler while she worked on the ski patrol. During those years, I never could decide if she was my much younger sister or my oldest child. But whatever the relationship, the door from her suite to our house was usually open, so many of our guests enjoyed an evening with Wendy. One such guest was Andrew, 8, who loved all vehicles. When Andrew bumped into Wendy at the top of Seventh Heaven, a ski run on Blackcomb, she took him for a ride on the glacier in a snowcat. When Andrew left Whistler, he left a note telling Wendy, "I love you". Wendy would come home from a day of ski patrolling and recount the incredible things people did. But, although these skiers often did stupid or dangerous things, Wendy never talked of them judgmentally. She told the facts with wonderment in her voice, then left us (especially the kids) to draw our conclusions. She was an excellent athlete, in her own right. Hiking, skiing, cycling, golfing, horseback riding, sailing — she pushed herself physically, but the way she "rode the edge" was by dealing with medical emergencies. It was while living with us that she started to pursue the education necessary to become a paramedic. This career allowed her to help others, to use her physical prowess and to develop her interest in first aid. I remember her telling us about the first time she witnessed a birth. I would like to write that she was speechless, but Wendy was never that. However, she was awed by the experience. My daughter, Megan, also remembers hearing of a premature birth where Wendy had saved the baby. But, the victory for Wendy was not that she had

done it, but that she had made a difference because of her medical skills. When I think back, the time I hold dearest is once when our roles were defined: she as eldest child and I as "mum". We arrived at the cabin at 9:45 p.m., to find Wendy just returning from work. She had left at 6:15 a.m. (banging the door!) for her day of ski patrolling. However, because two teenagers got lost out of bounds, Wendy had just spent five cold dark hours searching the woods. That night, I gave her warmth and hot food. It was the one time I got to do something for a person who spent her physical energy and enthusiasm helping others. But, rest assured, at 6:15 a.m. the next day, the door banged and she was off again. When I think of that ill-fated flight to Masset, I think of all these memories, I think of Wendy's love and passion for adventure, for babies, for medical emergencies and her enthusiasm to help others and I know that being on that plane, flying to Masset, would have meant the world to her. I only wish it hadn't meant her life." (by Margot Brown, an instructor at Kwantlen College, Vancouver).

**Sylvia Jane Evans (B.H. '69)** — On Sunday, August 13, 1995, Sylvia Jane Evans passed away after a brief struggle with

cancer. She was 43 years old and a much-loved Balmoral Hall Alumna. At her funeral in St. George's Anglican Church, in Winnipeg, many tears were shed as the mourners rose to sing Jane's School Hymn, "Jerusalem". Jane was a Queens Council and partner with the law firm of Aikins, MacAulay & Thorvaldson, where she practiced corporate and commercial law with emphasis on wills, estates and trusts. She was involved with Bar Admission courses and lectures at the Faculty of Law in Communications and in Solicitors Transactions. I have had calls from Alumnae feeling bereft at Jane's passing. Their loss is felt so deeply because of the type of person Jane was. Her friends talk about her warmth, graciousness, caring, and intelligence. Her colleagues mention the above, as well as her high work ethic, ability, and output for her clients. We, at Balmoral Hall, remember her service to the Alumnae through the Alumnae Board and Careers Day. Jane was someone whom the students could admire and use as a role model. Her friendship will be woven into the tartan that supports the Aikins House pillars in the Friendship Window in the Senior Common Room, donated by the Class of 1969. Her life was short, but she used it wisely and well.

## IN MEMORIAM

**Jean Isabel Glen (Moncrieff) Sellers (Rupert's Land '41)** - July 26, 1994

**Mary (Norquay) Savage (Rupert's Land '23)** - September 28, 1994

**Evelyn (Fraser) Burton (Havergal)** - September, 1994

**Sheila (Reid) Powell (Rupert's Land)** - October, 1994

**Linda (Riddell) Perkins (B.H. '59)** - December 23, 1994

**Wendy Thompson (B.H. '79)** - January, 1995

**Saidye (Rosner) Bronfman, O.B.E. (Havergal)** - July 7, 1995

**Sylvia Jane Evans (B.H. '69)** - August 13, 1995

**Helen Marguerite (Stovel) Monk (Havergal)** - August 26, 1995



# Welcome New Staff!



**Donna Alexander** — received her Bachelor of Education from the University of Manitoba in 1994. What had started as a communications course to help her banking career, grew into five full years of university study. Since graduating, Donna has continued her studies and is presently working on a Master's degree in Canadian History. Her short stint at B.H., last year, was a very rewarding experience. She found that the small classes,

parental interest and the variety of personalities make teaching at B.H. an exceptional opportunity. Donna will be teaching Senior School English Writing and History.



**Marilyn Bowles** — is married and has three sons: Bradley, Robert and James. She has substituted at B.H. and helped in the Summer Scholars Program. Prior to that, she worked for 5 years in the Child Life Department at St. Boniface Hospital and in Daycare earlier. Marilyn graduated from the University of Manitoba with a Bachelor of Arts degree. She will be helping Junior School as a Teachers' Assistant.



**Suzanne Erdélyi** — comes to Balmoral Hall with eight years experience, teaching French at various levels ranging from elementary to adult. She was born in Winnipeg where she now makes her home. She lived in Quebec, for 5 years, where she received her post-secondary education at Université Laval. Suzanne enjoys travelling, most recently having the pleasure of visiting Budapest, in August. She also enjoys the theatre and is a

big fan of foreign films. Suzanne will be teaching Junior School French.



**Karen Hill** — parent of B.H. student, Lauren, Grade 4. Karen took on a volunteer position with the Parent Association Student Store, which has now grown into a full-time position this year. Karen is the Student Store Manager.



**Mary Ann Klassen** — grew up in Portage la Prairie, where her parents still reside. She has one older brother, Mark, who lives in Winnipeg. After graduating from Arthur Meighen High School, in 1982, and subsequently attending Winnipeg Bible College in Otterburne, Manitoba, Mary Ann moved to Winnipeg and has worked in various offices in the City, for over ten years. Mary Ann is a pleasant addition to B.H., as

Front Office Secretary.



**Jennifer McDonald** — has a Bachelor of Arts degree, in Spanish, from The Pennsylvania State University. She has also acquired an Education degree and is professionally certified to teach Grades K-12, in both Manitoba and Pennsylvania. She is married to a meteorologist with Environment Canada, and has enjoyed living in Winnipeg for the past 5 years. Along with teaching at B.H., Jennifer teaches Spanish to adults and trans-

lates for Pollard Banknote. Jennifer will be teaching Spanish to Senior School.



**Lois Robinson** — was born and raised in Clearwater, a small farming community in southern Manitoba. After receiving a B.Ed. from Brandon University, she began teaching Grade 4 in Tisdale, Saskatchewan. Her husband's transfer took them to Neepawa, where she enjoyed many years teaching Junior High mathematics and computer studies. Lois likes to be involved with students outside the classroom through coaching

volleyball or basketball, or by participating in noon hour activities. Lois will be teaching Computer Studies to Middle School.



**Inessa Rozina** — was born in Moscow and graduated from a 5-year teacher training program. Immediately following her graduation, she taught Physics to Grades 6 to 8. Following that assignment, she taught Mathematics, Physics and E.S.L. courses to Grades 10, 11 and 12. Inessa enjoys playing the piano and spending time with her 12 year-old daughter, Alisa. Besides teaching Mathematics to Grades 7, 8 and 11 at B.H.,

she will operate a chess club this year.



# Letters



**Connie Shyka** — comes to Balmoral Hall with a variety of experiences that she hopes to draw upon in her teaching. Born and raised in Winnipeg, Connie received her B.Sc. at

the University of Winnipeg. After graduation, Connie spent many years as a research technologist at the University of Manitoba. Once her children were older, Connie decided to return to University to fulfill her lifelong wish to become a teacher. She completed her B.Ed. at the University of Winnipeg, specializing in General Science and Biology. Connie will be assuming the role of Grade 11 homeroom teacher and teaching Middle School Science and Senior School Biology.



**Joanne Willms** — returned to Canada, last year, after a decade of living abroad with her husband. Her work experience includes a variety of multicultural teaching positions in Costa

Rica, Korea, Alberta and N.W.T., and administration assignments at the Canadian Embassy in Manila. University studies were completed in Edmonton, Saskatoon (B.A. — Anthropology and B.Ed. — English) and Ottawa (B.Journalism). Regular jogging and staying current on international issues and events are an important part of her life outside the classroom. As an educator, she is dedicated to life-long learning and looks forward to encouraging her students, in Grade 4, to develop a curiosity about the world beyond the classroom.

Dear Mrs. Montgomery:

I'm a little tardy getting this thank-you note off to you. I just want to thank you and all the staff, students, and volunteers for a most enjoyable Grandparents' Day on May 15.

It was lovely to see your beautiful School and to hear the singing of the various choirs. It's easy to see why they won in their various categories at the Music Festival. I enjoyed their singing, then, too.

Your classroom was most interesting. The children are very fortunate to have you as their teacher; you certainly motivate and inspire them and bring out the best in each and everyone of them.

The lunch was great, and everyone was so nice and kind. It must have taken a lot of planning and work on the part of everyone there, to put on such a nice do. Thanks to all of you; the organizational skills of all of you shone through.

I hope to see you again, if I have the honour to attend another Grandparents' Day.

Sincerely,  
Hilda Ginther

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Dear Staff Members:

We wish to thank you for the invitation to Grandparents' Day.

Visiting the Computer Room and Mrs. Briggs' Kindergarten classroom with our granddaughter, Kate Langrell, gave us a chance to see how happily she is progressing.

We found the speakers' information regarding Balmoral Hall School very interesting and were well entertained by the music programs.

Being substitute Grandparents for two of Kate's classmates and sharing a tasty lunch with all three students, completed our 'fun morning'.

Thank you, also, for the book "Enriching Her Tomorrows".

Sincerely,  
Ed and Eleanor Langrell

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Dear Linda Martin:

As an old girl, and graduate of Balmoral Hall in 1952 (along with Josephine Adamson-Milton and other good friends!), I really enjoyed receiving my copy of *The Portal* yesterday.

But I was really sad to have missed your intrepid band of hikers last June, who, on climbing Ben Lonond, were only about 10 minutes away from my home (for the last 25 years). This is entirely my fault, for not being in touch at an earlier time. I could, at least, have given them a hot bowl of soup or a cup of tea! So, if any of you come near us (we favor 1-1/2 miles away from Loch Lomond), please call in.

Yours sincerely,  
Cathy (Young) Montrose (Duchess of Montrose)

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Dear Mrs. Martin:

Imagine my surprise when I recently opened my copy of the Fall, 1994 *Portal*, and saw on the inside front cover, myself and friends of some 50(!) years ago engaged in a vigorous game of volleyball, defending Rupert's Land, *not Riverbend!* I am not sure who the middle two girls are, but Betty Baker (Moorhouse) is the one on the right, and yours truly is the anxious receiver on the left. I was delighted to see Betty Moorhouse again, after so many years, at the Balmoral Hall Reunion over five years ago.

Incidentally, I married an American, Robert Nickerson, and we have been living in Los Angeles for the past 28 years (in spite of earthquakes and floods!). Our son, Andrew, is studying for his Master's degree in Engineering at the University of California. Irvine, and our daughter, Patricia, will graduate from Northern Arizona University in Broadcast Production, in May.

Thank you again for the very interesting issue of *The Portal*.

Yours sincerely,  
Elspeth (Young) Nickerson

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